EXTRACTS

FROM

THE MINUTES

OF THE

YEARLY MEETING OF FRIENDS

HELD IN

PHILADELPHIA,

BY ADJOURNMENTS FROM THE ELEVENTH DAY OF FIFTH MONTH TO THE FIFTEENTH OF THE SAME, INCLUSIVE,

1896.

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FRIENDS' BOOK ASSOCIATION,
S. W. COR. FIFTEENTH AND RACE STREETS, PHILADELPHIA.

EXTRACTS.

At the Yearly Meeting of Friends, held in Philadelphia, by adjournments from the 11th day of the Fifth month to the 15th of the same inclusive, 1896.

Reports were received from all of our constituent branches, by which it appears one hundred and thirty-two Friends have been named as representatives to attend the service of this meeting, who being called were all present except fourteen; for the absence of two sufficient reasons were assigned.

Minutes for Friends in attendance from other Yearly Meetings were produced and read as follows:

For John J. Cornell, a minister, and Eliza H. Cornell, an elder, from Baltimore Monthly Meeting of Friends, held Fourth month 8th, 1896.

For Isaac Wilson, a minister from West Lake Monthly Meeting of Friends, held at Bloomfield, Ontario, Fourth month 16th, 1896.

For David W. Branson, a minister from Hopewell Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Hopewell, Frederick county, Virginia, Fifth month 7th, 1896.

A minute for Martha S. Townsend, a minister from Baltimore Monthly Meeting of Friends held Fifth

month 6th, 1896, introduced from Women's Meeting was also read.

Women's Meeting proposed that the hour for the gathering of our afternoon sittings should be changed from 2.30 to 3 o'clock. This meeting united with the change proposed.

Epistles from the Yearly Meetings of New York, Baltimore, Ohio, Indiana, Genesee and Illinois were received and read. They are inserted in the Appendix, commencing at page (59).

The Representatives were desired to confer together and propose to our next sitting the name of a Friend to serve the meeting as Clerk, also the names of two Friends to serve as Assistant Clerks the present year. They were further desired to propose the names of Friends to compose a committee to unite with a committee of Women's Meeting in auditing the accounts of the Treasurer and of the Trustees appointed by this meeting; in examining the securities in their keeping: reporting the sum necessary to be raised the ensuing year; nominating a Friend to serve as Treasurer, and two Friends to act as correspondents of the Yearly Meeting.

Second-day—Afternoon.

To respond as way opens to the Epistles received from the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond and also to assist the Clerks in gathering the exercises of the meeting and in transcribing and forwarding the epistles a committee was appointed.

The Representatives reported that they had met as directed and were united in proposing Emmor Roberts for Clerk and Isaac H. Hillborn and Alfred Moore for Assistant Clerks, who on separate consideration were united with and appointed to the respected services.

They further proposed the names of Friends to join a committee of Women's Meeting in auditing the accounts of the Treasurer and Trustees, and in nominating a Treasurer and Correspondent for the meeting ; who were united with and appointed to the service.

This Committee was requested to nominate a small committee to examine the accounts of the Trustees of the Bequest of John M. George and The Samuel Jeanes Fund at a date to be selected by the Trustees near to but previous to the assembling of the Yearly Meeting of 1897, and report to that meeting.

The Committee on the subject of the Donation from the Estate of Samuel Jeanes appointed Fifth month, 1895, produced the following supplemental report, which was read. The recommendations therein

contained were adopted. This committee was released.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on the Subject of the Donation from the Estate of Samuel Jeanes, continued from last year, report that they have given attention thereto, and upon the further consideration thereof they were generally united in reporting to the Yearly Meeting for its adoption the following additional recommendations:

Sixth, That the disposition of the income from the Samuel Jeanes Fund be given to the Standing Committee of the Yearly Meeting on Education and Schools.

Seventh, That the name of the said committee be changed to "The Committee on Education and the Disposition of the Income of the Samuel Jeanes Fund."

On behalf of the Committee,

W. T. Hilliard,
Howard M. Jenkins,
Annie Shoemaker,
Mary P. Thomas.

Eleventh month 11th, 1895.

The Committee on Education and Schools made a report which was read and approved. The committee was continued, encouraged to further labor, and authorized to draw on the Treasurer for necessary expenses.

This committee shall henceforth be designated and

known as "The Committee on Education and the Disposition of the Income of the Samuel Jeanes Fund."

The Trustees of The Samuel Jeanes Fund were directed to pay to this committee the income therefrom.

(For this report see page 79.)

The Committee appointed Fifth month, 1895, to consider the subject of a Home for Aged and Infirm Friends of limited means, reported as follows:

To the Yearly Meeting of Friends held in Philadelphia:

The Committee appointed in Fifth month, 1895, to consider the subject of a Home for Aged and Infirm Friends of limited means, has held several meetings, and given the subject careful and deliberate consideration, and the following was adopted in unanimity and directed to be signed by the Clerks and forwarded to the Yearly Meeting, viz.:

REPORT.

Under existing economic conditions both experience and observation reveal the fact that there are amongst Friends and those in sympathy with us many that are aged or infirm who find they are unable to supply themselves with the comforts of a home; we, therefore, recommend that Homes be established, where there is reason to believe such need exists.

They should be located near a meeting and at points of

easy access, and we would favor small Homes, believing that a more home-like feeling will thus be preserved, and the discomforts often arising from the friction of large numbers be avoided.

It is especially recommended that these be Boarding Homes, where Friends may maintain a feeling of independence, and be provided in their declining years with greater care and more comforts than such can individually procure for themselves.

We further recommend that funds necessary for the establishment and maintenance of these Homes be raised by voluntary contributions.

While we feel that this matter should originate in the Quarterly Meetings and be under their control, we would especially recommend that a committee be appointed by the Yearly Meeting to encourage, advise, and, if need be, assist in maintaining such Homes.

Expenses for postals and printing have been incurred, amounting to $5.75.

On behalf of Committee,

ISAAC H. HILLBORN,
ANNA JANNEY LIPPINCOTT,
Clerks.

Twelfth of the Month and Third of the Week.

The following communication, introduced from Women's Meeting, was read:

"To the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends, held at Race and Fifteenth Streets, the sum of Two hundred thousand dollars is donated from the estate of Joseph Jeanes to assist in the establishment and maintenance of Boarding Homes for the Aged and Infirm amongst Friends and those in sympathy with us. The said donation to be under the control and care of a committee of the Yearly Meeting, the number of representatives from each Quarterly Meeting being equal."

This timely and generous offering was gratefully accepted by the Meeting. Expression was given appreciative of the practical interest thus shown, and we desire that in its application to the object in view we may follow the simplicity which marks the bestowal of this large sum.

The consideration of the report of the Committee on the subject of a Home for Aged and Infirm Friends read yesterday afternoon, was resumed.

The present committee was released, and the same Friends, with a few added, were appointed to unite with a Committee of Women's Meeting in reporting to a future sitting the more definite plan and scope of the work, and also the names of a suitable committee consisting of an equal number of Friends from each Quarterly Meeting, who shall have the control and care of this donation, and, as way opens, carry out the concern of the Yearly Meeting.

Third-day—Afternoon.

A report from the Committee on the John M. George Bequest was read and approved. The recommendations therein made were adopted. The Committee was continued.

This Committee will hereafter be known as "Committee on George School."

(For this report see page 82.)

The Committee on First-day Schools made report, which was read and approved. The Committee was continued, encouraged to further labor, and authorized to draw on the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for necessary expenses.

(For this report see page 87.)

The Committee on Philanthropic Labor made a report, which was read, considered, and, with a slight elimination, approved. The Committee is continued and authorized to draw on the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for necessary expenses.

(For this report see page 90.)

Thirteenth of the Month and Fourth of the Week.

The Committee on Distant and Isolated Members produced the following report, which was read and

approved. The Committee was continued as therein suggested and authorized to draw on the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for necessary expenses.

(For this report see page 98.)

The following communication was received and read:

To the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends:

Respected Friends: My friend and relative, Mathias Hutchinson, at one time a member of your Yearly Meeting, but for many years prior to his death a member of Scipio Monthly Meeting in the County of Cayuga and State of New York, departed this life in the month of October, 1894, having first made and published his last will and testament, upon which Letters Testamentary were duly granted to the writer by the Surrogate of Cayuga County, New York, on the 31st day of December, 1894.

The will of the said Mathias Hutchinson contains, inter alia, the following provisions:

"Sixthly. I give and bequeath to my friend and relative, Edward M. Paxson, Judge of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, residing in the city of Philadelphia, the sum of two thousand dollars, which I desire and request him to apply in his discretion in a manner intended to promote the civilization and education of the Indians (the aborigines of this country) after the said Edward M. Paxson retains a sufficient amount therefrom to compensate him for his time, trouble and expense.

"Seventhly. I give and bequeath to the said Edward M. Paxson the further sum of two thousand dollars which

I desire and request him to apply in his discretion in a manner calculated to promote the education of the freed men and women lately held in bondage in the Southern States after the said Edward M. Paxson retains a sufficient amount therefrom to compensate him for his time, trouble and expense."

I desire that these legacies shall be applied in a way to do some practical good, and inasmuch as my time is almost wholly engrossed with other duties, and as the execution of this trust involves necessarily a more intimate acquaintance with the subject matter than I possess, I would be greatly obliged if the Yearly Meeting would appoint a committee of any three discreet Friends to advise and assist me in the proper application of these legacies. My accounts as Executor are about to come before the Surrogate of Cayuga County, and when confirmed, the money referred to will be available.

I feel the less hesitation in making this application from my knowledge of the fact that the Society of Friends have always taken a lively interest in the welfare of both these unfortunate races, and the further fact that my ancestors have been members of your Yearly Meeting for several generations.

I am, very respectfully,

EDWARD M. PAXSON.

A committee was appointed to join a committee of Women's Meeting in proposing the names of three Friends as suggested therein.

The First and Second Queries with the answers received thereto were read and considered.

Summary answers were read and adopted.

Answer to First Query.

Our Religious Meetings, both for worship and for discipline, have been regularly held excepting in a few instances mentioned in almost all of our reports. On First-day mornings most of our members have attended diligently. Most other meetings have been much neglected. The hour has been nearly observed, and the behavior of those assembled very generally becoming.

Answer to Second Query.

Love and unity have been generally maintained. Tale-bearing and detraction discouraged. Endeavors have been used to end known differences.

Fourth-day Afternoon.

The Committee appointed at the morning sitting presented the following report. The Friends therein named were appointed to the service :

To the Yearly Meeting :

The Committee appointed to name three suitable Friends to advise and assist Edward M. Paxson in the

proper application of the Mathias Hutchinson legacy all met, and were united in offering the names of Alfred Moore, Annie Shoemaker, and Robert M. Janney as those of Friends suitable for the service requested.

Signed on behalf of the Committee, Fifth month 13th, 1896.

WILLIAM T. HILLIARD,
SARAH M. CARVER.

The third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth queries with the answers thereto were read and considered. Summary answers were also read and adopted.

Answer to Third Query.

Concern has been felt to maintain a faithful testimony in favor of a free ministry of the Gospel and against the system of a professional ministry, but it would be desirable if some would give more care in the support of our testimonies against the latter.

Answer to Fourth Query.

Endeavors have been used to bring up those under our direction in plainness of speech, behavior and apparel, to encourage the frequent, reverent reading of the Holy Scriptures, and to guard them from pernicious reading, and corrupting influences. We are conscious of shortcomings in ourselves respecting these things.

Answer to Fifth Query.

So far as known, Friends have been very nearly clear of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors, and with few exceptions of the use thereof as a drink, and have been careful to discourage the same as well as cautious in using them as medicine. Nine cases have been reported of signing applications to make or sell as a drink, and one of the renting of property for such purpose. The unnecessary frequenting of taverns and attendance of places of harmful diversion have been generally avoided. A concern has existed to maintain moderation and simplicity at marriages, funerals and on other occasions.

Answer to Sixth Query.

Care has been extended to Friends needing aid. Friends' children have opportunities to obtain an education to fit them for suitable occupation and self-support. No Friend's child known to have been placed from among Friends except at schools.

Answer to Seventh Query.

Most Friends have been careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances, avoiding ostentation or vain display, and to keep to moderation in their trade or business. Generally punctual to promises and just in the payment of debts. Timely labor has been extended to those who cause concern on these accounts, but one report states that more care in brotherly love would help us all.

Answer to Eighth Query.

Endeavors have been made to treat with offenders in the spirit of meekness and restoring love, seeking to reach judgment in the authority of Truth. Some delays are acknowledged.

Answer to Ninth Query.

Friends generally maintain a testimony in favor of peace and arbitration and against war and the preparations for it; against fraudulent or clandestine trade, oaths, and all forms of lotteries and gambling. One report makes abatement in reference to a military spirit, and one in reference to the latter portion of the Query.

Fourteenth of the Month and Fifth of the Week.

The minutes of the Representative Committee were read and their labors approved.

By the reports from constituent meetings it appears that the following named Friends have been appointed to compose this Committee the present year:

PHILADELPHIA.

Thomas J. Husband	241 South Eighth St., Phila.
Alfred Moore	300 Girard Building, Phila.
Jane P. Grahame . . .	1 Cresheim Road, Germantown, Phila.
Sarah Griscom	622 Marshall St., Phila.

ABINGTON.

Nathaniel Richardson	Byberry, Phila.
Benjamin F. Penrose	Ogontz, Pa.
Elizabeth W. Hallowell	Meadowbrook, Mont. Co., Pa.
Elizabeth H. Comly	Horsham, Pa.

BUCKS.

David Satterthwaite	Fallsington, Pa.
John K. Scarborough	Pineville, Pa.
Anna Jane Williams	Holicong, Pa.
Elizabeth S. Satterthwaite	Langhorne, Pa.

CONCORD.

J. Hibberd Bartram	Milltown, Pa.
Rolph M. Harvey	Ward, Pa.
Martha Dodgson	Darby, Pa.
Rachel W. Hillborn	Swarthmore, Pa.

CALN.

Benjamin Martin	Downingtown, Pa.
William L. Paxson	Parkesburg, Pa.
Carolein Hayes	Embreeville, Pa.
Mary A. Moore	Atglen, Pa.

WESTERN.

Bennett S. Walton	London Grove, Pa.
William Webster	Ercildoun, Pa.
Sarah Ann Conard	West Grove, Pa.
Sarah A. Wilkinson	Unionville, Pa.

SOUTHERN.

Daniel C. Cowgill . . Dover, Del.
Robert B. Dixon . . . Easton, Md.
S. Amanda Dixon . . Easton, Md.
Elizabeth B. Turner . . Betterton, Md.

BURLINGTON.

Peter E. Harvey . . . Columbus. N. J.
Franklin S. Zelley . . Jacksonville, N. J.
Priscilla H. Clothier Mount Holly, N. J.
Mary P. South . . . . Trenton, N. J.

HADDONFIELD.

Emmor Roberts . . . Fellowship, N. J.
Josiah Rogers . . . . Lumberton, N. J.
Elizabeth L. Jessup . . Moorestown, N. J.
Lucy S. Cooper . . . 633 Penn St., Camden, N. J.

SALEM.

Mark R. Dare . . . . Greenwich, N. J.
Job S. Haines . . . . Mickleton, N. J.
Elizabeth J. Acton . . Salem, N. J.
Mary E. Borton . . . Woodstown, N. J.

FISHING CREEK.

J. Barton Eves . . . . Millville, Pa.
David Masters . . . . 3308 Baring St., Phila.
R. Anna Kester . . . Mordansville, Pa.
Anna Kester . . . . . 3225 Woodland Ave., Phila.

The following correspondents have been appointed:

CORRESPONDENTS OF PHILADELPHIA YEARLY MEETING.

Alfred Moore, 300 Girard Building, Philadelphia, Pa.
Anne M. Griscom, 622 Marshall Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

CORRESPONDENT OF THE REPRESENTATIVE COMMITTEE.

Sarah Griscom, 622 Marshall Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

CORRESPONDENTS OF QUARTERLY AND MONTHLY MEETINGS.

Philadelphia Quarterly Meeting of Friends.—Isaac H. Hillborn, 1305 Somerset Street, Phila.

Monthly Meeting of Friends of Philadelphia.—Alfred Moore, 300 Girard Building, Phila.

Monthly Meeting of Friends, held at Green Street, Phila.—Spencer Roberts, 634 North Twelfth Street, Phila.

Monthly Meeting of Friends of Philaldelphia, held at Spruce Street.—Edmund Webster, 1156 South Broad St., Phila.

Radnor Monthly Meeting of Friends.—Mary P. Thomas, King of Prussia, Montgomery Co., Pa.

Exeter Monthly Meeting of Friends.—Beulah K. Pearson, 852 Hampden St., Reading, Pa.

Abington Quarterly Meeting.—Benjamin F. Penrose, Ogontz, Montgomery Co., Pa.

Abington Monthly Meeting.—Benjamin F. Penrose, Ogontz, Montgomery Co., Pa.

Byberry Monthly Meeting.—Watson C. Martindale, Byberry, Phila.

Horsham Monthly Meeting.—Anna Moore, Prospectville, Montgomery Co., Pa.

Gwynedd Monthly Meeting.—Susan Y. Foulke, Norristown, Montgomery Co., Pa.

Richland Monthly Meeting.—Edward Shaw, Quakertown, Bucks Co., Pa.

Bucks Quarterly Meeting.—Mark P. Rich, Woodbourne, Bucks Co., Pa.

Falls Monthly Meeting.—Mark Palmer, Lizette, Bucks Co., Pa.

Middletown Monthly Meeting.—Mark P. Rich, Woodbourne, Bucks Co., Pa.

Wrightstown Monthly Meeting.—William Woodman, Buckmanville, Bucks Co., Pa.

Buckingham Monthly Meeting.—Anna Jane Williams, Holicong, Bucks Co., Pa.

Solebury Monthly Meeting.—Eastburn Reeder, New Hope, Bucks Co., Pa.

Makefield Monthly Meeting.—Barclay Eyre, Dolington, Bucks Co., Pa.

Quakertown Monthly Meeting.—Abram R. Vail, Quakertown, N. J.

Bristol Monthly Meeting.—Samuel Swain, Bristol, Pa.

Concord Quarterly Meeting.—Jonathan Travilla, West Chester, Pa.

Darby Monthly Meeting.—Thomas Garrigues, 304 North Thirty-fifth Street, Phila.

Chester Monthly Meeting.—Sarah B. Fliteraft, Chester, Delaware Co., Pa.

Goshen Monthly Meeting.—J. Hibberd Bartram, Milltown, Chester Co., Pa.

Concord Monthly Meeting.—Philena M. Temple, Ward, Delaware Co., Pa.

Wilmington Monthly Meeting.—William P. Bancroft, Wilmington, Del.

Birmingham Monthly Meeting.—Alfred D. Sharples, West Chester, Pa.

Swarthmore Monthly Meeting.—Alice Hall, Swarthmore, Pa.

Caln Quarterly Meeting—Nathan Maule, Lenover, Chester Co., Pa.

Bradford and Uwchlan Monthly Meeting.—Benjamin Martin, Downingtown, Chester Co., Pa.

Sadsbury Monthly Meeting.—Nathan Maule, Lenover, Chester Co., Pa.

Western Quarterly Meeting.—Ellwood Michener, Toughkenamon, Chester Co., Pa.

Centre Monthly Meeting.—John Mitchell, Hockessin, New Castle Co., Del.

Kennett Monthly Meeting.—Milton Barnard, Northbrook, Chester Co., Pa.

London Grove Monthly Meeting.—Bennett S. Walton, London Grove, Chester Co., Pa.

New Garden Monthly Meeting.—Ellwood Michener, Toughkenamon, Chester Co., Pa.

Pennsgrove Monthly Meeting.—Hiram K. Cooper, Elkview, Chester Co., Pa.

Fallowfield Monthly Meeting.—Milton Darlington, Pomeroy, Chester Co., Pa.

Southern Quarterly Meeting.—Pennell Emerson, Wyoming, Del.

Third Haven Monthly Meeting.—Robert B. Dixon, Easton, Md.

Camden Monthly Meeting.—Pennell Emerson, Wyoming, Del.

Cecil Monthly Meeting.—Richard T. Turner, Jr., Betterton, Kent Co., Md.

Northwest Fork Monthly Meeting.—William T. Kelley, Preston, Caroline Co , Md.

Burlington Quarterly Meeting.—Sarah R. Lamb, Mount Holly, Burlington Co., N. J.

Burlington Monthly Meeting.—E. Randolph Swain, Columbus, Burlington Co., N. J.

Chesterfield Monthly Meeting.—Benjamin Satterthwaite, Trenton, Mercer Co., N. J.

Upper Springfield Monthly Meeting.—Peter E. Harvey, Columbus, Burlington Co., N. J.

Mount Holly Monthly Meeting.—Priscilla H. Clothier, Mount Holly, Burlington Co., N. J.

Haddonfield Quarterly Meeting.—Silas Walton, Moorestown, Burlington Co., N. J.

Haddonfield Monthly Meeting.—Charles S. Albertson, Magnolia, Camden Co., N. J.

Chester Monthly Meeting.—Silas Walton, Moorestown, Burlington Co., N. J.

Medford Monthly Meeting.—Isaiah A. Ballinger, Medford, Burlington Co., N. J.

Salem Quarterly Meeting.—Job S. Haines, Mickleton, Gloucester Co., N. J.

Woodbury Monthly Meeting.—Hannah A. Heritage, Mickleton, Gloucester Co., N. J.

Pilesgrove Monthly Meeting.—Edwin L. Borton, Woodstown, Salem Co., N. J.

Salem Monthly Meeting.—Thomas T. Hilliard, Salem, Salem Co., N. J.

Greenwich Monthly Meeting.—Anna P. Ridgway, Hancock's Bridge, N. J.

Fishing Creek Half-Yearly Meeting.—Ellis Eves, Millville, Columbia Co., Pa.

Roaring Creek Monthly Meeting.—William Underwood John, Bear Gap, Columbia Co., Pa.

Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Millville, Pa.—Thomas C. Wilson, Millville, Columbia Co., Pa.

The Tenth and Eleventh Queries with the answers thereto were read and considered. Summary answers were also read and adopted.

Answer to Tenth Query.

Much care has been taken to record all births, deaths and removals, and to record all marriage certificates or to preserve duplicate copies thereof. Unused record and minute books have in nearly all cases been deposited in places of safety approved by the meetings.

Answer to Eleventh Query.

There are 76 First-day schools held in connection with our meetings. They have been conducted in accordance with our principles and testimonies. They have been attended by 5429 pupils, 2789 of whom were members,

612 had one parent a member, 2177 were adults, 651 persons were engaged as officers and teachers, of whom 555 were members. There were 20452 books in the libraries. 70 of these schools are under the care of committees appointed in the Preparative or Monthly Meetings.

The subject of women being represented upon the Trusts under the care of the Yearly Meeting was introduced from Women's Meeting and considered.

Fifteenth of the Month and Sixth of the Week.

The concern in reference to women being represented on the Trusts created by this Meeting again claimed consideration, and a committee was appointed to join with a Committee of Women's Meeting in considering and reporting, when prepared, whether any, and if so, what, changes are desirable in the Trustees by whom the funds in the charge of the Yearly Meeting are held.

(For the names of this Committee see page 99.)

The Committee appointed at a former sitting on the subject of Homes for Aged and Infirm Friends reported as follows. The suggestions therein contained were united with and the Friends therein named appointed to the service and directed to report when prepared.

"The Committee appointed to report a more definite plan for the use of the donation from the estate of Joseph Jeanes and also the names of a suitable committee consisting of an equal number of Friends from each Quarterly Meeting to have the control and care of this donation report:

That they generally met and were united in offering the following suggestions, viz.:

That the donation be called and known as the Joseph Jeanes Fund.

That the body of the fund be invested and only the interest be used for the purposes of the donation.

That the Committee having control and care of the fund select trustees to invest the same and collect the interest, to which trustees, when appointed and qualified, the treasurer of the Yearly Meeting is directed to pay over the amount of the donation in his hands with all accumulated interest.

That said committee use the income of the fund to assist in the organization and support of Boarding Homes as mentioned in the terms of said donation, said Homes established and to be established under the control of Committees of the Quarterly Meetings and the Half-Year's Meeting belonging to this Yearly Meeting.

The following names are reported to form a Committee to have control and care of the Joseph Jeanes Fund, viz.:

PHILADELPHIA.

Harrison Streeter,	Anne M. Griscom,
Thompson Shourds,	Naomi Walter,
Joseph W. Thomas,	Sarah J. Ash,
Robert M. Early,	Emma Speakman Webster

ABINGTON.

Henry W. Hallowell,	Martha L. Harper,
Edward Comly,	Elizabeth S. Parry,
James Q. Atkinson,	M. Anna Moore,
Chalkley Styer,	Eleanor Foulke.

BUCKS.

David Satterthwaite,	Susanna Rich,
Willis G. Worstall,	Sarah B. Knowles,
Watson Kenderdine,	Ellen Warner,
T. Ogborn Atkinson,	Martha S. Woodman.

CONCORD.

Jesse Darlington,	Elizabeth S. Bunting,
William P. Bancroft,	Lydia H. Hall,
Alfred D. Sharples,	Susanna Yarnall,
Morgan Bunting,	Philena M. Temple.

CALN.

Francis Brinton,	Mary A. Moore,
Thomas Baker,	Lydia T. Brinton,
James J. Jackson,	Sarah Walters,
Edwin G. Broomell,	Ella Smedley.

WESTERN.

John C. Yeatman,	Sarah J. Mitchell,
Samuel Wickersham,	Anna Mary Martin,
Bennett S. Walton,	Elizabeth B. Spencer,
Pusey Coates,	Anna T. Pusey.

SOUTHERN.

Daniel C. Cowgill,	Mary Anna Ridgely,
John C. Bartlett,	Elizabeth Turner,
Richard T. Turner,	Helen C. Shreve,
Robert B. Dixon,	Elizabeth N. Tylor.

BURLINGTON.

Thomas B. Harvey,	Martha E. Gibbs,
Franklin S. Zelley,	Rebecca W. Engle,
Benjamin R. Lamb,	Phebe H. Tomlinson,
W. Maxwell Marshall,	Margaret Leeds.

HADDONFIELD.

Ezra Lippincott,	Martha A. Rogers,
Howard M. Cooper,	Sarah R. Sullivan,
John M. Lippincott,	Hannah A. Roberts,
Clayton Conrow,	Catharine B. Lippincott.

SALEM.

Warner Underwood,	Martha D. Heritage,
Thomas Borton,	Emily Borton,
William T. Hilliard,	Sarah C. Wilson,
Waddington B. Ridgway,	Virginia B. Test.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

WILLIAM T. HILLIARD,
ANNA JANNEY LIPPINCOTT.

The Twelfth, Thirteenth and Fourteenth Queries were read with the answers received thereto and considered. Summary answers were read and adopted.

Answer to Twelfth Query.

There are 33 schools established amongst us for the education of our children, superintended by committees appointed in our business meetings. They have been taught by 169 teachers, 106 of whom were members. 2266 pupils were enrolled, 504 of whom were members; 212 had one parent a member. The teachers and pupils of 29 of these schools attended midweek meetings.

Answer to Thirteenth Query.

No new meetings have been established.

In Bucks Quarter the hour for the gathering of the mid-week meetings at Newtown has been changed from 10.30 to 10 o'clock.

In Concord Quarter, Stanton Meeting now convenes at 11 o'clock throughout the year.

In Western Quarter the Fifth-day meetings belonging to Centre Monthly Meeting have been laid down. Hockessin Preparative Meeting in the First month will hereafter be held at the rise of the Monthly Meeting in that month.

In Burlington Quarter the hour for holding Trenton mid-week and Preparative Meetings has been changed from 7.30 p.m. to 4 p.m., Fifth-days.

In Haddonfield Quarter the time of holding the First-day morning meetings at Haddonfield has been changed from 11 to 10 o'clock.

Sixth-day—Afternoon.

The Committee appointed at a former sitting to examine and settle the Treasurer's account, etc., made the following report, which was read and adopted. The Friends therein named for Treasurer, Correspondents and Auditors were united with, and appointed to the respective services.

The Quarterly Meetings were directed to pay their quotas of the sum of $3,000 to be raised for the use of the Meeting to Edmund Webster, Treasurer, 1156 South Broad Street, Philadelphia.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee appointed to examine and settle the Treasurer's account met with nearly all the members present.

Upon comparing the account with the orders and vouchers it was found correct, showing a balance due the Meeting of $2,586.73, which is on deposit in the Fidelity Trust and Safe Deposit Company of Philadelphia to the credit of Edmund Webster, Treasurer.

Receipts:

Balance on hand, Fifth month 15th, 1895, . . .	$2568.80
Received interest on the Sarah Zane Legacy, . .	60.00
Received interest on Deposits, ...	33.35
Received quotas from the Quarterly and Half-Yearly Meetings, ...	3000.00
Total, ...	$5662.15

Expenditures as follows:

Paid orders of Representative Committee,	$ 848.88	
" " " Educational "	1921.45	
" " " Philanthropic "	101.67	
" " " First-day School "	29.04	
" " " Isolated Members "	174.38	
	$3075.42	
Balance due the Meeting, Fifth month 13, 1896, ...	2586.73	
	$5662.15	

The Deborah Foreman Legacy of $285.00, with the accumulated interest, is deposited in the Philadelphia Saving Fund to the credit of E. Webster, Treasurer. The interest on this legacy is subject only to orders drawn by the Standing Committee of Women's Meeting.

Balance on Deposit Fifth month 15, 1895, . . .	$306.30
Interest added, ...	9.15
	$315.45

Paid to Sarah Griscom on order First month 27th, 1896, ...	10.00
Balance on Deposit, Fifth month 13th, 1896, . .	$305.45

The Sarah Zane Legacy of $1,200 is invested in a bond and mortgage on city property. All the matured interest has been collected.

The Committee recommend that the sum of three thousand dollars ($3,000.00) be raised the ensuing year.

They are united in proposing Edmund Webster as Treasurer of this Meeting; also Alfred Moore, 300 Girard Building, Broad and Chestnut Streets, and Anne M. Griscom, 622 Marshall Street, Philadelphia, as Correspondents.

The seventh annual report of the Trustees of the Bequest of John M. George, deceased, which is hereto annexed, together with the securities, were examined by a sub-committee and found correct. The amount of bonds and mortgages was found as therein stated, $414,350.00. The balance of the money not invested, $30,750.27, is deposited in the Land Title and Trust Company and the Girard Life Insurance, Annuity and Trust Company of Philadelphia, to the credit of the above-mentioned Trustees, to be drawn only on the joint signatures of four of them.

The securities are kept in a special box deposited in the Safe Deposit Vaults of the Pennsylvania Company for Insurances on Lives, etc., accessible only by Alfred Moore and Joseph T. Bunting, Trustees jointly, and not separately.

The same sub-committee also examined the account contained in the First Annual Report of the Trustees of the Samuel Jeanes Fund, together with the real estate securities in which the same has been invested, and found it correct. The amount of the bonds and mortgages in which the said fund has been invested was found, as therein stated, to embrace the whole thereof, $200,000.00. The balance in their hands not invested, $2,963.65, is deposited in the Fidelity Insurance, Trust and Safe Deposit Company to the credit of the above-mentioned Trustees, to be drawn only on the joint signatures of four of them.

The securities are kept in a special box deposited in the Safe Deposit Vaults of the Girard Life Insurance, Annuity and Trust Company of Philadelphia, accessible only by Alfred Moore and Joseph T. Bunting, Trustees, jointly and not separately.

The Committee propose as auditors the following Friends: T. Ogborn Atkinson, Howard M. Cooper, William T. Hilliard, Rachel W. Hillborn, Mary McAllister and Cynthia S. Holcomb, who shall examine the accounts and securities of all Trustees at a date to be fixed by said Trustees, near to, but previous to the assembling of the Yearly Meeting of 1897, and report to that meeting.

They found that the Treasurer had deposited $200,000,00 in the Pennsylvania Company for Insurances on Lives, etc., for account of the Joseph Jeanes donation.

They recommend that the Deborah Foreman Legacy of

$285.00 be invested by the Treasurer in a bond and mortgage or other legal investment.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Committee,

S. Robinson Coale,

Annie Cooper Lippincott.

Philadelphia, Fifth month 15th, 1896.

The Committee on Homes for the Aged and Infirm Friends reported that they had selected for Trustees of the Joseph Jeanes Fund the following named Friends, whose appointment was approved by the meeting.

Anne M. Griscom,	Naomi Walter,
Samuel Wickersham,	Harrison Streeter,
Mary S. Parry,	T. Ogborn Atkinson,
Anna M. Bunting,	Joseph T. Bunting.

The Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting was directed to pay to them the $200,000 of principal, and all interest accrued thereon, and accept their receipt as his voucher.

The Committee to prepare an Epistle produced an essay, which was read and approved. The clerk was directed to sign and forward a copy thereof to each of the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond.

The following, embracing some of the exercises of the meeting, was read and approved:

The earnest concern of our members for the vital interests of the Society has been manifest during the sittings of this meeting.

We have given much time and thought to the adjustment of important trusts committed to us, and in this connection we have been earnestly cautioned not to let the care and management of the large sums of money given for educational and philanthropic purposes occupy us too exclusively. The simile was introduced of a vessel deeply laden with freight. When the cargo is deep down in the hold the steadiness of the vessel is assured and she rides safely over the billows. But should the cargo be piled upon the deck, cumbering the movements of the crew and destroying the balance of the vessel, the situation is indeed perilous. We were advised to quickly confide the details of these intricate matters to the care of judicious committees, thus avoiding much unsettling and unnecessary discussion.

We have been reminded that when some member of our household is sick in body we do not take that opportunity to admonish him of his faults. Rather in that love which betokens the discipleship of Christ, we seek to encourage and strengthen him. If some Friends, and especially the young, are absent from our meetings, let us extend to them in tenderness a helping hand, endeavoring to bring them nearer to us in the bond of love.

We are gratified to know of co-operation between members of the other body known by the name of Friends, and those of our own Society, particularly in the exercises on

the occasion of the two hundredth anniversary of the origin of New York Yearly Meeting, and on a similar occasion at Merion Meeting House within our own limits; and also in effective remonstrances against the enactment of laws providing for military training in public schools. There has also been united effort in some phases of philanthropic work, and the thought was expressed that we should welcome any step which tends toward the co-operation of religious bodies as indicating a growth of Christian love and charity.

Much sympathy was felt and expressed for persons under pecuniary difficulties. In many cases this is to a large degree the result of circumstances over which they have had no control. Those under these difficulties are exhorted to patient exertion and endurance. Brighter times will come to many, and we desire to counsel those in easy pecuniary condition to be faithful stewards of what has been committed to them, not to use selfishly the gifts of a bountiful Providence, but to ease the burdens and relieve the distress of those who have been less favorably situated.

We were reminded that it is only as the Redeemer's kingdom is set up and maintained in us individually, that we become instruments in its enlargement in our families, our neighborhoods, our nation, and the world. Again our attention was called to the truth that one has just so much religion as he can use in his daily life. It is in our concerns with our fellows that our grasp of practical religion is manifested. To be just in our dealings, punctual to promises, and faithful in the performance of our obliga-

tions is not only to live in accordance with the high profession of our Society, and to justify the reputation which it holds among men, but is to demonstrate that our religion is real and vital. Thus will we mould our lives in accordance with Christ's spirit, and win the right to sit down in his kingdom with those that have overcome.

To assist the clerks in preparing, printing and distributing the extracts a committee was appointed.

In the consideration of the various subjects brought through legitimate channels to the attention of our meeting we have been more than ever convinced that while there may be different views consistently held and presented there is a Power which is able to bring all these views into a beautiful harmony if we are but willing to abide under its direction.

To the leading of this Power we ever hope to yield implicit obedience, believing that we will thus be enabled to fulfill the high purposes of our religious organization.

With our hearts overflowing with gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His guiding care, we now conclude, to meet again at the usual time next year if consistent with His holy will.

EMMOR ROBERTS, *Clerk.*

EXTRACTS

FROM

THE MINUTES

OF THE

Yearly Meeting of Women Friends

HELD IN

PHILADELPHIA,

BY ADJOURNMENTS FROM THE ELEVENTH DAY OF FIFTH MONTH
TO THE FIFTEENTH OF THE SAME, INCLUSIVE,

1896.

EXTRACTS.

At a Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held in Philadelphia, by adjournments from the 11th of Fifth month to the 15th of the same, inclusive, 1896.

Under the spirit of supplication we entered upon the business of the Meeting, and the aspiration arose that in all that shall engage us we may know Divine direction. A covering of sympathy was spread over us for those who are unable to mingle with us, with a prayerful uplifting that strength born of our Heavenly Father's love may be their sustaining power.

Written reports from our eleven constituent branches were received and read. The representatives from these, appointed to attend the sessions of this meeting, upon being called, answered to their names except thirteen; for the absence of seven of these sufficient reasons were assigned.

A minute from Baltimore Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Park Avenue, Baltimore, for Martha S. Townsend, a minister, was read. We feel grateful for her presence with us.

The subject of changing the hour of convening the afternoon sessions of this Yearly Meeting from half-past two to three o'clock, was introduced and considered. As it was felt that the change made last year did not answer the end intended, this meeting united in making the change, subject to the approval of Men's Meeting.

To examine the account of Anne M. Griscom, Treasurer of the funds of Women's Meeting, and to nominate a Friend to serve as Treasurer for the ensuing year, a committee was appointed.

Men Friends informed that they united in the proposed change in the hour; the afternoon sessions will therefore convene at three o'clock.

Minutes for Friends in attendance from other Yearly Meetings were forwarded from Men's Meeting and read, as follows:

For John J. Cornell, a minister, from Baltimore Monthly Meeting of Friends; for Eliza H. Cornell, an elder, and companion to her husband, from the same meeting; for David W. Branson, a minister, from Hopewell Monthly Meeting of Friends, held at Hopewell, Va., and for Isaac Wilson, a minister, from West Lake Monthly Meeting of Friends, held at Bloomfield, Ontario.

This coming among us of Friends from other parts

of the vineyard, both with and without minutes, was felt to be a fresh incentive to faithfulness on our part.

To assist the clerks in collecting the exercises of the meeting a committee was appointed.

Epistles from the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond have been received; those from Genesee and Ohio were read at this time.

The representatives were directed to confer together at the close of the session, and be prepared to propose to the afternoon meeting Friends to serve the meeting as Clerk, and Assistant Clerk; also the name of a Friend as their assistant. They were further directed to propose the names of Friends to compose a committee to unite with a similar committee of Men Friends in auditing the accounts of the Treasurer and Trustees appointed by Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, in examining the securities in their keeping, reporting the sum necessary to be raised the ensuing year, and nominating a Friend to serve as Treasurer, and two Friends to act as Correspondents of this Meeting.

Afternoon.

Sarah J. Ash, on behalf of the representatives, reported they had conferred together and were fully united in proposing the appointment of Sarah Griscom

for clerk, Matilda Garrigues for Assistant Clerk, and Elizabeth H. Comly to assist them in reading. The meeting united with the Friends named, and they were appointed to these services for the present year.

They also proposed that Lydia H. Hall, Annie Cooper Lippincott and Philena M. Temple join with Men Friends in examining the Treasurer's account, etc. Their appointment was united with by the Meeting.

The Epistles from New York, Baltimore and Indiana were read, and with those read at the morning's session, called forth expressions of interest in the varied fields of labor in which our sisters are so earnestly engaged, and awakened a desire that the spirit of our lives may respond to those things which make for Truth. Mothers were entreated to make intelligent inquiry into the matters which pertain to the physical and moral welfare of their children, and to gather these young spirits about them, instructing and advising with them as to the value of pure morals, pure thoughts and pure living.

We were told to gather the little ones in our arms and teach them in very early years that our Father is near to them, and make clear to them the beautiful truths which lie at the foundation of Friends' testimonies; these impressions will be as lasting as life

itself, and it will be easy for them to grow up Friends in spirit and in action.

To respond to the epistles a committee was appointed.

The report of the committee appointed in Fifth month, 1895, to consider the subject of a Home for aged and infirm Friends of limited means was read and united with. In connection with this report the following communication was read:

"To the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends held at Race and Fifteenth Streets, the sum of Two hundred thousand dollars is donated from the estate of Joseph Jeanes to assist in the establishment and maintenance of Boarding Homes for the Aged and Infirm amongst Friends, and those in sympathy with us. The said donation to be under the control and care of a Committee of the Yearly Meeting, the number of Representatives from each Quarterly Meeting being equal."

This timely and generous offering was gratefully accepted by the meeting. Expression was given appreciative of the practical interest thus shown, and we desire that in its application to the object in view we may follow the simplicity which marks the bestowal of this large sum.

The present committee was released, and the same Friends were appointed for the purpose of nominating

a suitable committee, consisting of an equal number of Friends from each Quarterly Meeting, who shall have the control and care of this donation, shall formulate more definitely the scope and plan of the work, and, as way opens, carry out the concern of the Yearly Meeting.

The names of the representatives who did not answer at the opening of this morning's session were called, and two of them responded.

Third-day, Fifth month 12th -morning.

An Epistle from Illinois Yearly Meeting, addressed to both branches of this meeting, was received and read, and referred to the Epistle Committee.

We received an acceptable visit from our friend David W. Branson, whose message was particularly addressed to mothers, that they lose not the precious influence which a mother should hold, instilling the lesson that only the pure in heart shall see God. This message introduced an expression of encouragement to mothers to be not unduly troubled if time and strength will not admit of the entire fulfillment of their ideals in the regulation of household affairs. Of far greater importance is the higher duty of holding their children very near to them. Tender counsel was given to us that we teach our sons that

every mother's daughter should be sacred in their sight; that the pure life is the one life approved of the Father. This responsibility rests not alone upon the mother in her natural relationship, but upon woman in the broad sense of motherhood. God calls for this responsibility at our hands.

The Committee on the subject of the Donation from the Estate of Samuel Jeanes produced a supplementary report, which was read, approved, and the recommendations therein contained adopted. The Committee was released.

The Committee on Education and Schools made an interesting report, which was read, approved, and the Committee continued and encouraged to pursue its labors. This Committee shall henceforth be designated and known as "The Committee on Education and the Disposition of the Income of the Samuel Jeanes Fund."

The Trustees of the Samuel Jeanes Fund were directed to pay to this Committee the income therefrom. Men's Meeting united in judgment.

Afternoon.

Our friend John J. Cornell made at this time an acceptable visit, bearing a message of comfort, counsel

and encouragement. The drawing cords of our Heavenly Father's love were felt to be around and about His people: conditions were reached which had received the impress of His divine touch, and we were called unto a patience which brings its perfect work, unto a faithfulness to His requirings which means peace, unto a retirement with Him where the indwelling revealings are made clear.

Men's Meeting informed that they had thought it advisable to further instruct the committee appointed to examine the account of the Treasurer and Trustees of the Yearly Meeting that they shall nominate a small committee to examine the accounts of the Trustees of the Bequest of John M. George, and of the Samuel Jeanes Fund, at a date to be selected by the Trustees, near to, but previous to, the assembling of the Yearly Meeting of 1897, and report to that Meeting. This Meeting united in judgment.

They also reported that they had read and considered the report of the Committee relative to the Establishment of a Home, had united with it, and had also accepted the Donation from the Estate of Joseph Jeanes, and had adopted the minute forwarded by this Meeting, with some alteration, to read as follows:

"The present Committee was released, and the same Friends were appointed to report to a future session

the more definite plan and scope of the work, and also the names of a suitable committee, consisting of an equal number of Friends from each Quarterly Meeting, who shall have the control and care of this donation, and, as way opens, carry out the concern of the Yearly Meeting." This Meeting united with the suggested changes. S. Amanda Dixon, Rebecca B. Nicholson, Annie T. Pusey, Naomi Walter, Chandlee Eves, Alfred Moore, Wm. T. Hilliard, Clement M. Biddle and Bennett S. Walton were added to the Committee.

Expression was given to a feeling of gratitude to our Heavenly Father that He has opened the way to the accomplishment of this good work where there appeared to be no way.

The Report of the Committee on Philanthropic Labor was presented, and the portions relating to the Indians, andTemperance, were read.

Fourth-day, Fifth month 13th—morning.

The Report of the Committee on Philanthropic Labor again claimed our attention, the different departments of work embraced therein were considered, and felt to be of deep interest. The report was united with, with some elimination, and the Committee continued. Mission work among women and children,

also the subject of Purity, have been added to the subjects under its care.

An earnest exercise was introduced in regard to our duty as friends of the colored race, that we use our influence against the prevailing prejudice which closes many channels of labor to the better educated of this class. Much sympathy was expressed with the concern, and our attention was also called to the opportunity afforded within our own homes of teaching lessons of purity to those in our employ.

The pernicious character of much that appears in the newspapers of our day is the occasion of deep concern, and we were urged to discourage, as way may open, the publication and reading of such demoralizing matter.

A communication was received through Men's Meeting from Edward M. Paxson, informing that by the will of Mathias Hutchinson, deceased, he has been entrusted with the application of the sum of two thousand dollars, to promote the civilization and education of the Indians; and a like amount to be applied in a manner calculated to promote the education of the freedmen and women lately held in bondage in our Southern states. Edward M. Paxson asks this Yearly meeting to appoint a committee of three discreet Friends to advise and assist in the proper application

of the legacies. This Meeting and Men's were united in so doing. To join with a committee of Men Friends in nominating these a few Friends were appointed.

A satisfactory and interesting report of the labors of the Committee on the John M. George Bequest was read, approved, and the Committee continued. The Trustees were authorized to pay to the General Committee, as it may be needed during the coming year, $20,000 of the income of the Fund.

This Committee shall henceforth be designated as the "Committee on George School."

Afternoon.

The consideration of the state of our Society as evidenced by the answers to the Queries forwarded by the Quarterly Meetings was entered upon. The First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Queries were read, and their answers weightily considered.

The reading of the answers to the First and Second Queries introduced a deep concern on account of the small attendance of many of our meetings, and the appeal was earnest and tender that we lay aside the hindering things and perform with willing hearts this important service. Strong testimonies were borne to

the truth of the promise given to the two or three, and from living experience we were assured that these are ofttimes the most blessed occasions, when it is known to be no dead form, but the baptizing power of the Holy Spirit is realized. The plea is sometimes made that since our Heavenly Father is everywhere we can hold communion with Him while engaged with our proper avocations, without the assembling of ourselves together. Truly He *is* ever with us, but we cannot afford to lose these opportunities of withdrawing from the cares of life for strength and refreshment. The relation of the First and Second Queries was alluded to, and the thought expressed that through a faithful attendance of our meetings there will follow a firm cementing in love and unity. Upon us of to-day rests the responsibility of the maintenance of our meetings, and it must be an individual concern. In an especial manner mothers were most affectionately called upon to inquire of their own hearts, "Is it I?" and daughters in their turn heard the appeal in the same tender tones to ask of themselves, "Am I willing to bear my mother company to the quiet place of worship, and when her mantle falls, will I be prepared to receive it?"

The Committee appointed to name three suitable Friends to advise and assist Edward M. Paxson in the

proper application of the Mathias Hutchinson legacies, proposed the names of Alfred Moore, Annie Shoemaker and Robert M. Janney. This and Men's Meeting united with their appointment. The Clerks of the Yearly Meeting were directed to inform Edward M. Paxson of this action.

Fifth-day, Fifth Month 14th—afternoon.

The subject of women being represented upon the Trusts under the care of this Yearly Meeting was introduced, and the feeling prevailed that a committee should be appointed to unite with a similar committee of Men Friends in nominating women to share this responsibility, subject to the approval of Men's Meeting.

The Minutes of the Representative Committee, or Meeting for Sufferings, were read, and their labors approved.

The Meeting resumed the consideration of the condition of our Religious Society by the reading of the Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Queries, with the answers thereto.

It was thought that the time is near at hand which will test our loyalty to our principles of peace, and we were urged to hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering, in this day when the military spirit is abroad in the land.

The subjects contained in the Seventh Query were felt to be closely related to our best interests and peace of mind. It is important that our children should be instructed to be prompt and just in the payment of debts, so that their business in after life shall be conducted according to the same excellent rule.

Men Friends informed that they had considered the subject of women being represented upon the Trusts under the care of this Yearly Meeting, and united in appointing a committee to join a committee of this Meeting in considering and reporting, when prepared, whether any, and if so, what changes are desirable in the Trustees by whom the funds in charge of the Yearly Meeting are held. There was general unity in the change from the proposition made by this meeting, and the Committee was appointed in accordance with the foregoing minute.

Sixth-day, Fifth month 15th—morning.

The remaining Queries were read and their answers considered.

A deep exercise was introduced in reference to questionable diversions, especially those games in

which prizes are offered, and the danger of spending in evanescent pleasures the precious time which might be employed in the cultivation of the mind and character and in the uplifting of humanity through the various fields which are now open to us, and which demand the service of those who are endowed with intelligence and ability to occupy in a higher way the talents committed to them.

In connection with the Eleventh Query the Report of the Committee on First-day Schools was read and felt to be of deep interest, and expression was given appreciative of the importance of this work. The Committee was continued.

It is felt to be a source of encouragement that so many of our older members have associated themselves as learners with the young. Teachers in these schools were counseled to rely upon Divine help. God in His infinite love will be with such as they go forth in His name to help the little ones.

The committee on the Joseph Jeanes Fund made a report, which was considered, and the several recommendations adopted. The names mentioned to constitute a committee to have control and care of this Fund were united with.

A Report of the Committee on Distant and Isolated

Members was read, united with, and the Committee continued.

Afternoon.

The Committee appointed to prepare an Epistle in response to those received from other Yearly Meetings, produced one, which was read and united with. The Clerk was directed to sign and forward it to the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond.

The Committee appointed to examine and settle the Treasurer's account, also to name a Friend to serve as Treasurer, two Friends to act as Correspondents, and propose a committee to audit the accounts of the Trustees of the John M. George Bequest, and of the Samuel Jeanes Fund, presented a report, which was read and united with; the Friends therein named were appointed to the respective services.

The Trustees of the Bequest of John M. George, deceased, made a report, which was read and approved.

The Trustees of the Samuel Jeanes Fund made their first annual report, which was read and approved.

Annie Shoemaker, on behalf of the Committee appointed to consider and report, when prepared, whether any, and if so, what changes are desirable in the Trustees by whom the funds in charge of the

Yearly Meeting are held, informed that they had met, but were not prepared to report.

The Committee to have control and care of the Joseph Jeanes Fund reported the following persons as Trustees of the Fund, who were united with by the Meeting: Anne M. Griscom, Samuel Wickersham, Harrison Streeter, Mary S. Parry, Naomi Walter, Joseph T. Bunting, Anna M. Bunting and T. Ogborn Atkinson.

The Committee to examine the account of the Treasurer of Women's Yearly Meeting, made the following report, which was satisfactory to the Meeting, and Anne M. Griscom, therein named, was reappointed Treasurer.

It was directed to appropriate four hundred dollars of the balance in the treasury to be divided between the two colored schools at Aiken and Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina, for the payment of teachers. Which amount the Treasurer is directed to pay.

It was directed that the Quotas shall be forwarded as usual until otherwise directed.

The Clerk was directed to draw upon the Treasurer for the printing of the Extracts, and other necessary expenses.

Report.

To the Yearly Meeting of Women Friends held in Philadelphia:

The Committee appointed to examine the accounts of Anne M. Griscom, Treasurer, met, examined the accounts, compared them with the vouchers, and found them correct, showing a balance of fourteen hundred and thirty dollars and sixty-four cents ($1430.64).

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand Fifth month 16th, 1895	$1227.84
Interest on Deposits	25.02
Quotas from Quarterly Meetings	353.25
Total Amount	$1606.11

EXPENDITURES.

Paid on order of Standing Committee,	$ 46.95	
Paid Friends' Book Association for printing Extracts	125.95	
Paid Clerk's Expenses	2.57	
		$175.47
Balance due the Yearly Meeting		$1430.64

The Committee were united in proposing the reappointment of Anne M. Griscom as Treasurer.

Signed on behalf of the Committee,

Mary F. Saunders,
Emma Speakman Webster.

Fifth month 13th, 1896.

A deep interest has attended the different sessions of our Yearly Meeting.

We have felt the need of our Heavenly Father's guidance, we have known the inflowings of His love, and there have been seasons when we have witnessed the overshadowing of His presence, under the influence of which His truth has been revealed.

May we press forward in the services to which we are called, exercising every gift to the honor of Him who alone giveth the increase.

The Meeting concluded, to meet at the usual time next year if consistent with the Divine Will.

SARAH GRISCOM, Clerk.

APPENDIX.

Containing Epistles received from other Yearly Meetings, Committees, etc.

To Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends :

Dear Friends:—It seems fitting to recall that this, the annual assembly of Friends in this vicinity, rounds out two centuries of such gatherings. Though the Society in its individual membership has changed many times during that long period, we are led to feel that the same spirit of reliance upon "the indwelling power which maketh for righteousness," that two centuries ago animated the Friends who gathered at Flushing on Long Island, has remained, and ever will remain with us as a guiding light unto our souls.

As our membership changes through vicissitudes of time, it is essential that the younger members who are to take the places of those whose work is done, should become imbued with the pure principle of love, a belief in which has led us to assume the name of Friends. It is with a feeling of joyous hope therefore that we recognize a distinct advancement in interest in our Society among our younger members. The evidences of this during the past year have been numerous

and refreshing, and especially noticeable at the present sessions of this meeting.

The conferences of various Friends' Associations, held at Chappaqua, N. Y., in the Eighth month last, proved to be the occasion for making clear to the minds of many their duty in our Society, and increasing their attachment to it.

Interesting sessions of our First-day School Association were held, and the work further considered at a meeting of the Young Friends' Association, before which a paper on the "Office of the First-day School" was read and discussed.

The Young Friends' Association is practically solving the much-discussed question of a suitable means of holding our young people after they leave the First-day School and before they become interested in the meeting. In it they have the opportunity of studying the principles of Friends, and of preparing themselves for the various duties of the Society. The free and open expression of individual thoughts (even perhaps doubting ones) has, as an honest discussion of opinion must ever do, enabled the sunlight of truth to dispel the fog and mist of doubt and error.

These meetings have afforded opportunity for and stimulated interest in Bible study and knowledge of Friends' principles. It has been their cardinal aim to familiarize young people with the Bible, to lead them to appreciate its value, and to guard against the fostering of superstition and the substitution of tradition for faith in a living God.

We are strengthened and encouraged in the belief that "pure religion and undefiled" is confined to no religious denomination, and that the narrow literalness which has too long obscured the meaning of many passages of Scripture is fast giving place to a broader and more spiritual interpretation of them.

The report of this Philanthropic Committee was read in joint session. This report showed much activity in the different directions in which the committee works, but so wide is the field and our laborers so few, that we cannot feel that more has been done than to sow in one little corner a seed of good deeds, that will, we trust, live and grow, and which may, when God giveth the increase, bring forth a hundred-fold. The report was encouraging because it showed many openings for work which had not existed before. We were advised to believe that often "a way opens" when we by effort make a way. The need for work in large cities during the summer months was earnestly presented to the meeting. A suggestion was made that it might be arranged that while those who work in these directions in the cities during the winter are gone from their homes for the summer the work might be continued during the entire year by co-operation with Friends living in the country. The Committee on Philanthropic Labor held a meeting at which the superintendents presented suggestions for extending the work. An account was given of one of the Half-Year's Meetings, where these interests are a part of the regular meeting, and many advantages were evident, and Friends were advised to proceed in this way wherever it was admissible.

One evening was devoted to a meeting of the Educational Committee, which was addressed by President De Garmo, of Swarthmore College, and others. It was felt that if the Friendly spirit at Swarthmore, and the work it is doing for the Society, were fully appreciated, we should all unite in advancing the cause of education by placing our one college on a firm foundation, thus making it a still greater power for good.

This Yearly Meeting time is a notable one for us, in that during its sessions a reunion of our Society with the other

Society of Friends has occurred for the purpose of commemorating the two hundredth anniversary of the establishment of our Yearly Meeting. While it may be unavoidable, and is perhaps desirable, that we should continue to dwell apart, yet this co-operation gives evidence that although the organizations are separate, we have common interests and are united in love.

A deep concern rests upon us at this time to meet wisely and resist earnestly the spirit of military propagandism with which we are confronted. Though watchful care had been given by our Representative Committee to the effort to gain legislative power to engraft military instruction upon our public school system, and we had been positively assured that a pending bill for this purpose was defeated, we are grieved to find that it was finally passed by the New York Legislature, and now only waits the signature of the Governor to become a law. Our Yearly Meeting has therefore sent its earnest protest to the Governor, appealing to him to withhold his official sanction to that bill. This military spirit, which is in such direct opposition to our testimonies, and, as we believe, to the Christ Spirit, seems to be extending over the country, and is cause for grave anxiety.

It has been very grateful to us to have the attendance and service of Friends from other Yearly Meetings.

We extend this greeting to you, dear Friends, in the hope that it may be to you as those from other meetings, have been to us, an aid and comfort in the maintenance of a constant trust in the guidance of our Heavenly Father.

Signed on behalf of New York Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, held in New York, from the 27th to the 30th of Fifth month, 1895.

WM. H. WILLITS, *Clerk.*

From Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at Baltimore by adjournments, from Tenth month 28th to Tenth month 31st, inclusive, 1895.

To Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends, Men's Branch:

DEAR FRIENDS:—These annual greetings and timely words of counsel of our sister Yearly Meetings stimulate us to a greater effort for the cause of Truth, and lead us to trust more fully in that indwelling power which tendeth to righteousness.

As we look over this assembly, and miss so many once familiar faces, it reminds us of the changes and the vicissitudes of time, and how essential it is that younger members be familiarized in the work of the Society, by prayerfully submitting to the forming hands of our Heavenly Father, that we may be qualified instruments and standard bearers to take up the work which shall soon fall upon them if it be continued.

We have cause for encouragement from the growing interest manifested in the youths' and other meetings of the First-day School, as renewed evidences of advancement in the interest of Society among its younger members.

The various Committees of the Philanthropic Work show much activity in the wide and varied fields of labor, and is very comforting, because of the increased interest in our manifested efforts, to suppress many of the evils that surround us.

An especial and promising effort has been carried on by our sisters, and sanctioned by us, for the purification of the press, thereby preserving our homes from the corrupting influences flowing through it in the publication of so much of the details of crime and immorality.

A concern found expression in a proposition to extend a letter of fraternal greeting or epistle to our fellow-Christians of whatever name, extending to them our sympathy and en-

couragement, and by strengthening the bonds of love and union, promote the Master's work in drawing all into one fold of the one true Shepherd.

We have been admonished not to rest in the rites, but in that indwelling power of God within, revealed immediately into each and every individual, that power which has been in every period of the world, and is still striving with man for the ascendancy. Let us not be unmindful of it; "harden not your hearts," but listen to this small voice within, which is ever wooing and inviting us to come and partake of the water of life freely.

The services and labors of Friends from other Yearly Meetings who were in attendance were very acceptable, and reminded us that the enduring character of the work of religion and its refining influences upon the human heart and family commend it as worthy of our first and best efforts, and for the successful achievement of its great object we are reminded by all the history of the past, the experiences of saints and prophets and devout souls of all the ages, as well as of our own, that the Most High still continues to be the Teacher of His people Himself, that He is still the Author and Finisher of our faith, and in Him and by His help alone can it be carried on in the individual, in our Religious Society, and in the world. Unto the gathering and saving power of this blessed influence, of this light within, the Christ of God, born of the Spirit and revealed in the soul, we turn with well-grounded assurance and fullest confidence, and as brothers in love and fellowship, commend you to the sure word of His grace.

Signed by direction and on behalf of Baltimore Yearly Meeting of Friends, Men's Branch.

EDWARD STABLER, JR., *Clerk.*

From Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends, held by adjournments from the 26th of the Eighth month to the 29th of the same, inclusive, 1895.

To Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends, Men's Branch:

DEAR FRIENDS:—As we again mingled preparatory to the deliberations of another Yearly Meeting, our minds were clothed with a sense of humility, remembering our limited numbers. As the meeting gathered, and Friends from different parts of the vineyard gave their presence, and placed their spark of celestial fire on the altar, we realized a fulfilment of the Master's promise when He said, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." While we feel that we are the least of the several Yearly Meetings, our measure of comfort in again being permitted to mingle in that capacity is full. An additional sense of gratitude is felt in having once more the presence of a number of aged Friends, whose counsel is ever cherished as the well-ripened fruit of the good tree.

The meetings on First-day were favored, and a number of Friends were moved to make clear the faith of our Society, and to show its beautiful harmony with the teaching in Christ's Sermon on the Mount. In the faithful adherence to these principles and testimonies which cost the early Friends so much suffering and sacrifice, earning not only for us, but for the entire nation, liberty of conscience and liberty of action, and had much to do with breaking down the bigotry of two continents, we recognize an inheritance which should be

cherished by us, and zealously held up to the world as the very truth. As we see these principles accepted by the world one by one, we feel that it is but bread floating back on the returning wave that was cast on the receding tide of earlier years. We believe the injunction should still be, "Cast thy bread upon the waters."

The power of the Holy Spirit was lovingly set forth as being the only safe counsellor in the varied trials that beset our daily paths.

Your epistle, and those from other Yearly Meetings, were listened to with interest. We were drawn into sympathy with you in your labor and exercise as portrayed through this medium. Much concern is felt in regard to the endeavor to introduce military drill into the public schools. The Philanthropic Committee sent to the Yearly Meeting an earnest appeal to its members, inciting them to ever be ready to unfurl the banner of Christ's kingdom, which is the emblem of universal peace. We recognize that we can occupy no intermediate ground. If we claim to be the servants of Christ we must bear our testimony against this encroachment on our constitutional and God given rights. Our Master declared that the servants of His kingdom could not fight.

The state of Society was considered in much harmony. While deep concern was manifested in the neglect of some of our meetings, there was cause for encouragement in the answers to other important queries.

The subject of educating our youth claimed the earnest attention of the meeting, and delegates were appointed to attend the educational conference next year at Swarthmore, Penna.

Two interesting meetings of the First-day School Associa-

tion were held in the life, and we have the conviction that this line of work must be sustained.

A number of Friends were with us from other Yearly Meetings, whose presence and counsel were gratefully appreciated.

With a salutation of love we remain your friends.

Signed by direction of the meeting,

JOSEPH S. HARTLEY,
MARY ANNA PACKER, } *Clerks.*

To Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends, Men's Department:

DEAR FRIENDS:—The cycles of time have brought us again to the period of mingling together in Yearly Meeting capacity, and as our work draws towards conclusion, we are constrained to send you this message of love, acknowledging the pleasure it has been to us to receive your late epistle, with like loving messages from all other Yearly Meetings with which we correspond.

We regard this correspondence as very valuable, as it stirs up the pure mind by way of remembrance, strengthens the bonds of our union and fellowship, and witnesses that our brethren in every part of the field know of the same guiding Hand which we seek to direct us in all our labors, and that these are kindred to your own.

That you may share with us the enjoyments and lessons of this occasion, we proceed to give you some account of it.

We have had with us several visiting ministers from other parts, and have been encouraged and refreshed by their presence and labors, and we have had the acceptable company of other visitors, not ministers, and we take occasion to commend such visiting among Friends. Let there be more of it.

The reports of the state of Society which reached us were in large degree encouraging, but there are discrepancies too—among them, lack of diligence on the part of many in the

attendance of meetings. It was feelingly urged, however, that this state of things might be much amended by faithfulness on the part of the church. Go out in the pure spirit of love after the negligent. Say to him, "We love thee, we desire thy soul's welfare, we miss thee in our meetings, and need thee there; we want thee among us, want thy help, and thee needs ours. Come, and let us be strengthened together." Convince him that the church really loves him, and he will come to it with blessing, and to be blessed.

The unmitigated evil of the saloon business, its inevitable devastations and ever ruinous effects, were vividly brought to mind, together with the little less harmful tobacco habit. Intrenched monsters both, and difficult to dislodge.

We rejoice to have you as fellow-laborers in the mighty work of overcoming them, and we rejoice at the unequivocal sound of the protest and entreaty of Baltimore Yearly Meeting in its action of 1894—namely: "Believing that the use and sale of alcoholic liquors as a beverage is a most serious obstacle to the progress of Christianity, that it causes the downfall of untold numbers of our brothers and sisters, and that it endangers the integrity of our Republic, the Religious Society of Friends in Baltimore Yearly Meeting assembled, most earnestly protests against the licensing of such sale of alcoholic liquors by City, State, or National Government, and urges the members of our Society to maintain a consistent opposition to the liquor power in all its forms, and against any system of obtaining revenue from them by the Government."

It was observed that the scattering of the individual members of our Society, and of those who have been such, or acquainted with its teachings, was not an unmixed misfortune—that such people were unconsciously disseminating our

principles among their neighbors. Thus, and through the illumination of the Holy Spirit, are spread the essential truths which Friends have known, and instructors of the people, not at all of our profession, are already teaching that the "Holy Spirit, spirit of God, spirit of love and truth, is that Divine influence in the soul whereby we are enabled to see what is true, to love what is good, and to do what is right."

Our First-day School work has widened. There are more schools, more learners in them, and their promise for usefulness is encouraging. In some places they have promoted increase of membership. Our young people at Richmond and at Fall Creek, with some who are older, have organized associations, modeled somewhat after the fashion of those in the east, which are very interesting, and promise to engage and improve the more mature young people in that period just prior to the business engagements of life—so often a critical period.

We were cheered by the information that an Executive Meeting, with hopeful prospects, has been established within our limits, under the name of Clearcreek, at Careytown, in Highland County, Ohio.

The subject of holding our Yearly Meeting hereafter in joint session of men and women Friends, was referred to a large committee, which, under a baptism of love and condescension, reported favorably, and we have accordingly decided to do so.

In the field of Philanthropic Work our committee has found much to engage it, and its report is interesting and encouraging.

We have had much sweet counsel to exercise charity, to live in love and purity, to be patient with one another's weaknesses, and to give supreme heed to the Pure Guide which

seeks to gather and preserve us, and to this we commend you, with ourselves, and remain in loving bonds your friends.

Signed in and by direction of Indiana Yearly Meeting of Friends, Men's Branch, Tenth month 3d, 1895.

GEORGE R. THORPE, *Clerk.*

To the Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends to be held in Philadelphia.

We fervently desire that at the approach of each succeeding Yearly Meeting, every individual member may hear with the spiritual ear, and obey, as far as in them lies the power, the muster call of Christ, our acknowledged spiritual leader, to assemble unto our annual religious gathering, that we may not, when all too late, be cast down in grief and regret by the cry of lamentation, "O Genesee, Genesee, how often would I have gathered thee under my wings, and ye would not."

Our tendered sympathies reach home to those to whom feebleness and sickness and to others whom life's stern duties as excusably have debarred from serving and receiving in the spirit of this our annual banquet. Yet we are cheered and strengthened by the presence of such earnest and dedicated workers in the cause of righteousness, both within our own limits and from other Yearly Meetings, whom a live interest in our welfare, begotten of love, has led to mingle with us. And as the days go by and we mingle together in transacting the affairs of our Society, we can feel the growing warmth natural to a heap of embers raked together here, and are being fanned into brighter flame by God's spirit.

The public meetings on First and Fourth-days were as largely attended as usual at this place, and our doctrines and testimonies as voiced forth by the various speakers, while be-

ing of a reasonable and logical nature that would arouse thought, were accompanied with the spirit of authority and love that would settle into conviction.

The reading of your epistle with that of others bore evidence of the great change that our Society has undergone even during the last decade. The First-day school and Philanthropic Work have breathed the breath of life into the prosy sermons and fossilized tenets of past epistles, and they now thrill as with the living spirit. It was said that the First-day school has taught the Yearly Meeting how to write an epistle. The opening of these new fields of labor has given our Society a tangible object, as well as a more divine right to exist. Behold its amazing growth and stupendous proportions in the vast concourse last year at Chappaqua, the greatest event after the founding of Pennsylvania in the American history of Quakerism. Was not many a fainting heart revived? Did not many a luke-warm soul grow zealous? Was not many an indifferent mind made loyal? And this influence flowed down, as the rivulets from Chappaqua, refreshing the remotest parts of our heritage. But let us not rest on Chappaqua. There are other higher mounts on God's earth for our Society to encamp upon.

Report of the state of Society was for the most part encouring, yet a few instances in which we were found to be weak brought the meeting into deep concern. Midweek meetings, it was noted, are often small, showing that the engrossing cares of the world, love of gain, and indifference to our organization, possess us too much. "Seek first the kingdom of Heaven and all things necessary will be added." Mingling with our fellows, introversion of spirit, communion with the Father, in that silent hour of the midweek meeting, oh, how it would prepare us for the varied duties and vicissitudes of

life. The assembling of ourselves together is a three-fold duty; to our God, to ourselves, and to our fellows; each one we ought to feel to be strong enough to keep us from leaving the query. It was also thought that if we carried our religion out daily and hourly in all our temporal affairs, communing with God whilst at our ordinary vocations, it would prepare us for, and we would not absent ourselves from, the meeting hour.

The vague limit given by the discipline to our indulgence in pastimes and recreations, leaves the query as to the demoralizing tendency of a place to be answered by each individual soul. One person said that he has been preserved from such places by asking, "Were Jesus here would He go with me and remain with me?" The criterion of another was to discard all indulgences and pastimes as well as all books that do not kindle in us a desire to be better.

While intemperance still remains to be the gigantic curse of our land, and needs our eternal vigilance; while it behooves us to be mindful in all the other branches of Philanthropic Work for the physical, intellectual and spiritual uplifting of our brother man; yet the spirit of militarism at this moment demands our immediate action. May we stand firm to our religion of love, and be prompt in maintaining and spreading the peaceable kingdom of Christ.

Let us not be discouraged in estimating our numbers and conclude that the Society is dying out. There was a time when it drove away its brightests intellects because they might be practicing God-given talent that led them outside the narrow trend of the Quaker thought of the day. While we are lamentably reaping the bitter fruits from that fatal course our lamentations are outweighed by rejoicings as we are conscious of sowing seeds of a brighter hope and a more

glorious future. It is noticeable that the Society at present is sifting out and attracting to it the brightest intellects around it, while we admit that the unthinking mass is drifting with the current. It is not numbers, but mind and thought that move the world. All Christendom is centering to the doctrine of the Inner Light. This fact is incontrovertible and should give every Friend a hope that should bear him above all Society disappointments.

So, finally, dear friends, we entreat you with ourselves, in the language of George Fox, to "mind the Light," that divine principle that will direct aright all the affairs of our Society, even to the building up of the walls of our Zion.

In that supreme love that warms and glows in our souls, we bid you an affectionate farewell.

Signed by direction and on behalf of Genesee Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, held at Farmington, N. Y., by adjournments, from the 10th of the Sixth month to the 13th of the same, inclusive, 1895.

JONATHAN D. NOXON,
PHEBE JANE NOXON, } *Clerks.*

From Illinois Yearly Meeting of Friends, to the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends.

To the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends:

DEAR FRIENDS:—We are thankful to our Heavenly Father that so many of us are privileged to again assemble in a religious capacity. This is our twenty-first year, and we have with us those who have been particularly favored and who have improved their opportunity by faithfully attending each of these twenty-one gatherings. We have with us at this time an increased number of Representatives and others of our members, also of visiting Friends, who greatly aid and cheer us, both religiously and socially. From our numbers we have lost many valued Friends, some within the past year, never to meet again with us in these annual reunions. The feeble steps and whitened heads of others indicate that more will in a few years at most travel the same journey. Leaving the sad thoughts we will now talk of more pleasant things. Sad, did we say? There should be no sorrow along the way marked out by our Heavenly Father for His acknowledged children to travel. It is their reward to be released from the cares of this world, and ours to profit by their good work.

Our annual gathering this year is proving a profitable one. The answers to the queries from the various meetings show that we are steadily advancing toward purer lives. The one adopted last year relating to the use and handling of tobacco brings forth a surprisingly quick and good return. We sometimes grow impatient because progress does not come faster

in reforming the world. Two hundred years ago Friends were allowed something for their traveling expenses and whiskey. Illinois Yearly Meeting is an offspring of those of Baltimore and Indiana. In the Discipline of 1725 one of these reads something like this: "Friends are admonished to indulge in refreshments in *moderation*, and to *avoid* that unsuitable custom of strong drink and cakes which inconveniences many who attend our Monthly and Quarterly Meeting." In 1806 it says, "However, a medical quality may be urged in favor of spirituous liquors, but we should watch carefully and not use it unnecessarily." The great reforms in early times, it seems, did grow slowly, for in the harvest fields as late as 1830, and perhaps later, many Friends used and provided strong drink for their men; but soon after the ten and four o'clock lunches were substituted, and with some extra pay. Still later science in machinery has aided us in doing away with even the latter in the harvest fields. But the great progress made in this reform in all our Yearly Meetings is well known: yet we would call your attention again to our new-born query in relation to tobacco, and its gratifying results. We are comparatively clear to-day, and we hope in twenty-one more years its use will be a rare exception among the men and boys of the land in all religious and other walks of life, instead of the rule as it is to-day.

The attendance this year and the interest manifested is gratifying. Dear friends are here who have lost their crop in the drought-stricken regions of the West in past years, and have poor prospects for the present. Others have written us of their inability to attend on account of these failures. An expressed feeling of sorrow for these people was given by many, which has been formulated into an address and forwarded to the absent ones.

We are now twenty-one years old, and one of the gratifying thoughts on this occasion is that she who recorded our birth, or in other words, the first clerk chosen by the women in their separate meetings, is with us.

The epistles from other Yearly Meetings were read, and a feeling of love came from many *hearts* in beautiful expression. The fields of work *you* speak of we, too, are engaged in. The Philanthropic Committee is well organized and it is surprising how much they have found to do, and how well they have done their duty. The report of the Visiting Committee was very satisfactory, and a silent vote of thanks, as it were, was given to those who thus labor with love for their only reward.

We recognize the First-day School Association as an important link in our organized body; good schooling there invariably makes the best members in Society.

Trusting you will remember us in the future with the same love and kindness you have in the past, we bid you an affectionate adieu.

Signed by direction of Illinois Yearly Meeting,

OLIVER WILSON, *Clerk.*

Report of the Committee on Education and Schools.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The committee, in the discharge of the duties imposed upon it by the Yearly Meeting, has held seven sessions, and we are pleased to report a much fuller attendance and a deep interest in the subjects.

In the matter of education we find the continual growth of a concern manifest within our borders to fulfil the requirements of our discipline in this particular. We are led to believe that this awakened interest will, in the near future, redound to the good, not only of our Society, but of the entire surrounding communities. This has been made manifest by the interest and activity of many of our members in the cause of education generally. It is also seen in the graduates of our schools finding their way, through the avenue of teaching, into such positions as will ever tend to spread that benign influence which a guarded education awakens in the youthful mind.

In furtherance of this interest three educational conferences have been held, under the care of a sub-committee appointed for such purpose. These have been addressed by prominent educators on subjects of vital importance in educational matters and were freely participated in by those present. They have been well attended, and, we trust, productive of much good.

There are thirty-two schools under the care of committees appointed by either Monthly or Preparative Meetings, belonging to the Yearly Meeting. They have all been visited dur-

ing the past year by some portion of this committee, who have reported them doing good work, but in many instances unable to meet their current expenses. This is owing to the small attendance and to the conscientious unwillingness of those in charge to maintain anything but a thoroughly well-equipped school. Deficiencies have, in many instances, been made up by private subscriptions to the school fund. For the assistance of such schools, this committee has felt it a duty to continue its previous course of aiding, after a careful examination into their condition by a suitable sub-committee. The school at Christiana, Pa., has been discontinued for the present for satisfactory reasons.

After a careful consideration of the needs of the Society, we are satisfied that there are some who are not receiving the advantages of that education which should be afforded them and which their meetings are unable to provide. And whilst aid has been freely and profitably extended, we are conscious that there is much to be done in this direction. The concern still rests with the committee to see all the children of our Society reaping the benefit which we believe is to be obtained from our practical system of education, which is well established in many localities, and where constant improvement is closely looked after by the united efforts of local committees and those having care of our more advanced institutions of learning.

That portion of the Samuel Jeanes Fund ($2,000) which the Yearly Meeting, at its last session, set apart for the use of the committee has been, we believe, judiciously used in such ways as are in conformity with the expressed wish of the donor. We have been brought to feel a sense of grateful appreciation of the favors thus bestowed upon us through this instrumentality. It has been disbursed as follows:—$110 for

holding educational conferences and aid in giving lectures. The amount of $1,876 was appropriated to Monthly Meeting Schools outside the limits of Philadelphia, and was paid after a careful examination into their needs by a sub-committee, leaving a balance of $14 unexpended.

We have, through death, sustained a deep loss in the removal of William Wade Griscom. A member of this committee since its organization, he served it in the capacity of Clerk for more than sixteen years. It is when we pause to enumerate the places of his usefulness that we appreciate the active interest which he took in all the educational matters of our meeting, and how much the deliberations of this committee have been aided by his calm judgment and patient industry in caring for the details involved in our work.

Orders have been drawn on the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for $1921.45.

(Signed), LEWIS V. SMEDLEY, *Clerk.*
LUCY SMYTH COOPER, *Assistant Clerk.*

Report of the Committee on the John M. George Bequest.

To the Yearly Meeting:

We can report satisfactory progress in the work of the school during the past year.

After mature deliberation it was thought best to have a matron at the school, and Elma M. Preston has been employed in that capacity since the beginning of the term.

In pursuance of the prospect mentioned in our last report a Gymnasium and an Infirmary have been erected, and the advantages found in their use have justified the expenditure.

The Infirmary was finished about the first of the year and has since been in almost constant use. Students who are indisposed are sent there for quiet and the nurse's care. Cases of illness have been so cared for and so effectually isolated that the progress of the school work has not been disturbed.

Our experience shows the Gymnasium to be a valuable addition to the equipment of the school. The systematic physical training now given to all of our students has produced a marked improvement in their health. It is an aid to good discipline.

School desks, slate blackboards, etc., have been bought, and the basement recently occupied as a gymnasium for girls has been converted into a draughting room.

Some apparatus for illustrating electrical storage has been placed in the Department of Physics. Under care of the instructors in physics and of manual training, a number of electric motors and dynamos have been constructed by the students

They have also built some cabinets and other devices for the use of the school. Where these constructions are beyond the course of study they are paid for by the committee.

The class graduated in 1895 consisted of 4 boys and 7 girls. The number of pupils enrolled during this year is 191—169 of whom are boarders and 22 are day pupils—as follows:

Boarders who are members of our Society	132
" " have one parent a member	35
" " " neither parent a member	2
Day pupils who are members	3
" " have one parent a member	2
" " " neither parent a member	17

Of the boarders, 93 are girls and 76 are boys. Of the day pupils, 11 are girls and 11 are boys. The average age is about 17½ years.

There are 14 teachers, 11 of whom are members of our Society.

The library contains 752 classified volumes of miscellaneous literature, 71 books of reference, and about 1000 volumes, etc., of Friends' writings that have been kindly presented by interested Friends. Since the last report 101 new books, including 16 books of reference, have been added to the library.

The teachers and students attend meeting in Newtown on First-days, and on Fourth-day evenings a meeting is held in the assembly room of the school. The First-day school convenes at 9 o'clock each First-day morning.

The expenditure of the principal of the funds has been as follows:

For the Gymnasium and Infirmary—of this about $10,000 was for the Gymnasium	$17,086	58
" permanent insurance—on the Gymnasium $5000 and on the Infirmary $3000	240	00
" meat room	350	00

For passage-way from west wing to main building .	285 00
" alterations in school building and Dormitory .	510 46
" new kitchen, etc., at farm house	319 15
" improvement of grounds, planting trees, shrubbery, new stone walk, etc	2,345 74
Total	$21,136 93

The Farm Account shows a profit for the year ending 4th month 1st, 1896, of $71.25. The net results, according to the accounts, from 7th month, 1892, to 4th month 1st, 1895, was a loss of $16.71.

The Finance Committee reports as follows:

The balance in charge of the Treasurer 4th month 1st, 1895, was		$ 1,727 82
And that in charge of the Principal of the school .		200 00
		$1,927 82
Received from the Trustees of the principal fund .		19,000 00
" " " " income		25,000 00
" for tuition		27,535 74
" " interest on bank balances, etc . . .		196 92
		$73,660 48
Paid on account of buildings	$18,791 19	
" " grounds	1,600 24	
" " furnishing	2,082 97	
" " farm	4,691 71	
" " expenses of school	38,368 14	65,534 32
Leaving balance 4th month 1st, 1896 .		$8,126 16

Of which $7,726.16 was in the charge of the Treasurer, $200 in the charge of the Principal and $200 in charge of the farmer.

The total amount received from the Trustees has been $301,000, of which $236,000 was of the principal and $65,000 of the income of the fund.

The total expenditure for buildings and grounds has been $236,047.31, and for furnishing $29,166.38.

The balance to the debit of Furnishing Account is $26,989.38, a deduction of $2,177 having been made for depreciation. This amount is included in the expenses of the school for the term of 1894–5, as stated below.

The School Accounts for the year ending 8th month 1st, 1895, show:

Expenses	$40.506 69
Receipts on account of pupils, etc	26,389 79
Deficiency made up from income of the George funds	$14,116 90

The expenses are estimated to have been for each boarding pupil $233.51, and for each day pupil $88.47.

We ask the Yearly Meeting to authorize the Trustees to pay to the General Committee, as it may be needed during the coming year, $20,000 of the income of the fund.

We desire to express our gratification that, through the contributions of interested friends, the money loaned by the Trustees on a part of the farm where the school is situated has been repaid, thus completing the payments for the whole 227 acres without taking anything from the John M. George funds.

The name "Committee on the John M. George Bequest" was very appropriate when the committee was first appointed. That title has continued to be used as its formal designation, but its duties are now confined to the care of the school and the property connected therewith. We therefore suggest that the name "Committee on George School" be used by the Yearly Meeting.

We miss very much the services of our friend, William

Wade Griscom. At our meeting in the 2d month the following minute was adopted:

"We record at this time, with deep appreciation of our loss, the death of William Wade Griscom, who has been the Clerk of this committee since its first organization. A man of intelligent judgment, of wise forethought, and of tender concern for the children of our Society, he worked actively and earnestly for the welfare of the George School, and his counsel had great weight with this committee. Endowed with much ability, he *used* the talents committed to his care."

On behalf of the committee,

4th month 24th, 1896. WM. P. BANCROFT, *Clerk.*

Report of the Committee on the Subject of First-Day Schools.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The meetings of the committee have been regularly held at three (3) stated periods during the year, with apparently the same appreciation of the weight of the appointment and, we trust, an ever-increasing desire that the work shall be carried on with a living concern for its progress under the guidance of divine love.

At our stated meetings we receive, with an occasional exception, information from all of our schools through the various sections into which our committee is divided, so that we are able to report no diminution in their number, and that in general the interest is maintained. While in a few of the schools the number of pupils fluctuates from time to time, yet there are encouraging features in nearly all. In one section they feel that they are already reaping a good harvest for past labor, and take fresh courage to make the future better than the past.

While death and removal have been keenly felt in some quarters, yet those who remain, seeming to realize the greater responsibility, are incited to more earnestness. With this spirit good work *must* move on, and if our faith be commensurate with our zeal, the First-day school will be a growing power in our religious body. No marked change has taken place in any quarter, but all appear to be working according to their light and surroundings. In more than one report the zeal and interest of the teachers and the love they

manifest for their pupils are cause for encouragement and hope.

One section reports that they still have two (2) meetings with no First-day school, but attention is directed to both, and hope is entertained that a school will be established in one at least in the near future.

That there are schools in places where there is no regular meeting held, leads us to hope that there may in the future be a revival of interest in these sections.

Friends in one locality where a school has been in operation for two years are desirous of establishing a meeting, and have the matter under consideration.

In another quarter distantly located Friends are working as way opens, and send a gratifying report. In the winter season the adults carry on the school and keep alive the interest.

While there is still a wide field for profitable labor and willing workers in most quarters, yet we think it is safe to say that the schools in general are healthy and in good working condition. Some are reported as being unusually prosperous.

The circulating libraries, we believe, are doing good work; the ten (10) cases of books have been in constant use and seem to be highly appreciated by most.

The Clerks of the various Unions and the Superintendents of Schools not connected with any Union report seventy-seven (77) First-day schools, two (2) of which are Missions and four (4) Bible Classes, within the limits of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting. They are composed of the following number of officers, teachers, pupils, etc.:

Six hundred and eighty-three persons engaged as officers and teachers, of whom 591 are members of meeting; 5,887 pupils are enrolled, of whom 2,267 are adults; 2,878 are mem-

bers of meeting; 700 have but one parent a member; 20,324 books are in the libraries.

Sixty-four (64) of these schools have Committees of Oversight.

Almost all of the officers, teachers and pupils attend meeting.

East Branch reports "no regular meeting held." Vincenttown reports "no meeting." Both schools are in Burlington Quarter.

Expenses amounting to twenty-nine and four one-hundredth dollars have been incurred by the committee, for which draft has been made on the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting.

Signed by direction of the committee,

MARY MCALLISTER, *Clerk.*

SAMUEL C. LAMBERT, *Clerk for the day.*

Phila., 5th month 2d, 1896.

Report of Committee on Philanthropic Labor.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on Philanthropic Labor has continued during the past year its regular meetings, which have been held with fair attendance and general interest. The five departments of Philanthropic Work have been in charge of sub-committees, and their reports are submitted under the heads of their respective subjects.

As most of our Quarterly Meetings have had committees appointed on the subject of temperance, co-operating with the members of our committee on that subject within their limits, it was considered proper to suggest to them the advisability of extending the labors of their committee to embrace all the topics assigned to our committee, or the appointment of a new Committee on Philanthropic Labor. In eight quarters this has been done, and we trust that it will be favorably considered in the remaining three. We deem it desirable that there should be active co-operation between the members of the Yearly Meeting's Committee and the Quarterly Meeting's Committees appointed to consider these subjects. And further, that where no such committees exist in Monthly Meetings, that they consider the necessity of appointing one; that reports of work undertaken by the Monthly Meeting Committee be sent to us through the Quarterly Meeting Committees.

Our invitation to the Friends' Union for Philanthropic Labor to hold the meetings of 1896 within our limits having been

accepted, arrangements are being made for holding them in connection with those of the First-day School Association and of Educational Work at Swarthmore, Penna., in Eighth month next, the 24th, 25th and 26th of the month being assigned to the subject of Philanthropic Work.

Orders have been drawn on the Treasurer during the year for $101.67 (one hundred and one and sixty-seven one hundredths dollars).

While there seems to be but little active and direct work the Indian Committee can undertake, they have not been unmindful of the matters entrusted to their care. It is possible some Friends may deplore the fact that our Yearly Meeting is not so active in its labors in behalf of the red man as it was in years past, but they must remember that conditions have greatly changed. There are practically no Indians living within the borders of our Yearly Meeting, and even in a greater proportion, as our active labor in this field has diminished, the oversight and aid of the general government has increased, so that to-day there is far more practical and educational work being done for the Indian than ever before. Consequently our chief field of labor seems to be to aid, as far as in us lies, by our influence and suggestions, the administration of the Indian Service, to arouse and preserve the interest of our members in these wards of the nation, and to protest whenever and wherever we can against injustice towards them. With this end in view, we have taken steps to co-operate when possible with the Indian Committee of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, which by its nearness to Washington is closer in touch with the Indian Service that are we. Captain R. H. Pratt, of the Carlisle Indian School, appeared before one of the meetings of our committee and urged us to establish a school in Eastern Pennsylvania for the education

of Indian children. In his opinion the greatest need of the Indian is to get away from tribal and reservation influence. In order to educate him to our standard of civilization he should be brought east, as it will be long before this civilization can reach him in the west. Here he will be forced to speak English and live and dress according to our methods. Our real duty is to allow him to be our brother in living as well as in our regard. Western missionary work prolongs the problem. It is the worst of cruelty to hold him apart, ignorant and dependent and a prey to evil influences and designs. It is perhaps unnecessary to say that many friends of the Indian do not agree entirely with this view of Capt. Pratt's, they holding that as the Indian is in the west his salvation must be mainly worked out there, and that it is a mistaken idea to suppose that he can in any great measure return to live in the east. So far as the suggestion in regard to the school was concerned the committee did not feel strong enough for such an undertaking. The balance of the Benjamin Coates fund in the hands of Thomas J. Husband, Trustee, and accrued interest amounts to two hundred and seventeen and six one-hundredths dollars ($207.06).

The Committee on Temperance and Tobacco report that the usual methods of work have been pursued during the past year. Besides the regular committee meetings sixty public meetings or conferences have been held under the care of the several Quarterly Meeting Committees. These have been well attended both by our own members, and, in the country, by people living in the vicinity of the meetings, and have been occasions of much interest. In addition to the exercises that have been given by members of the First-day school, which have tended to make the meetings attractive, many of them have been addressed by eminent speakers, who, by

their practical and forcible addresses, contributed much to the interest thereof. In some the trend of the remarks has exhibited a practical turn of thought, that we should do something more than talk of the evils of intemperance. We should let our influence be felt among the people in the most convincing ways; by personal example, remaining true to our profession; by not only being abstainers, but through every possible avenue, including the use of the ballot, to demonstrate that we believe what our Society has declared, "that the granting of licenses to sell intoxicants is contrary to the best interests of society." Twenty thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine pages of literature have been purchased for distribution. In Philadelphia and Haddonfield Quarters, juvenile temperance periodicals have been subscribed for use in some of their First-day schools. This line of work we think an excellent way of disseminating the principles of temperance among the children, being an added help to the lessons furnished by the committee who prepare the lesson leaves on this subject.

The four societies of young temperance workers are still actively engaged in the service, and in one locality the young people feel more willing than ever before to take their share of work. The reading room for boys in Philadelphia during the winter of 1895-96 has been continued by friends interested, without the general assistance of the committee there, and we feel encouraged that the past efforts in this direction have resulted in bringing such aid to the work. Tobacco has claimed some attention in our conferences, but not as much as the evils resulting from its use demand. Ninety-five dollars have been received from the estate of Thomas E. Lewis, and as this is to be used for the cause of temperance, it is proposed to purchase copies of Blair's Temperance Movement and Dr.

Dorchester's History of the Temperance Reform, to be placed in the Friends' Library, at 15th and Race Sts., Philadelphia, and in the circulating libraries of the First-day School Committee; and that part of the money be used for the publication of temperance questions prepared by an interested friend.

The Committee on Colored People is gratified to be able to report that this department of Philanthropic Work has been more than usually encouraging the past year. The recent proposition in the South, however, to restrict the negroes right of suffrage and educational facilities strengthened our deep interest in and sympathy for their welfare. Such a proposition as this warned us that our colored friends still needed a practical demonstration of our interest in them, such as we had given them before, in money and clothing. This induced us to once more issue an appeal to friends for help in this direction. The meetings addressed responded cordially—eight reported barrels of clothing and potatoes sent, six sums of money, and nine reported having referred the matter to their Philanthropic Committee for action. Both the schools at Mt. Pleasant and Aiken, S. C., have written encouragingly of their condition, but unceasing efforts in their behalf are necessary to aid them in meeting the increasing demand for the expense of training. The lack of sufficient funds to complete a farmhouse is felt by the school at Aiken. This seems to be a much needed building, as, during the farming season, a home could thus be given the young colored boys and men immediately adjacent to the land to be worked. This school has in the past year met with a deep loss, in the death of its young and efficient principal, Ella A. Warner. She had shown herself a devoted and consecrated worker, and although she was allowed but a short time to labor in this field, the good fruit has already been born from seed of her

planting. Word comes to us from Abby D. Munro, of Mt. Pleasant School, to the effect that the school year has been prosperous, and that the enrollment (nearly four hundred pupils) has been larger than ever before. They still retain the same conscientious, efficient teachers. They have not been able to carry out their plans for starting a tailor's room in connection with the school, for lack of funds, but it is encouraging to note that some of the country boys who have been in the cobbling shop have commenced work for themselves. Money has come in so slowly that they now need $800 to pay the teachers' salaries to the close of the school year. They miss the constant effort of Henry M. Laing, who has borne the burden of the work for many years, and hope the time is not far distant when it may enter the heart of some friend to endow the school, and consequently relieve them of this ever pressing anxiety to raise funds. Our attention has also been called to the colored poor in the neighborhood of the College Settlement in Philadelphia. In response to an urgent appeal being made to us by a worker among them, a committee was appointed to visit the "Settlement" and render such assistance as thought needful at the time. A new feature of the work there is a food kitchen; its aim to help to prevent crime and drunkenness by supplying nutritious food at a moderate cost, and giving instruction in its preparation.

The Committee on Improper Publications has appointed two committees, one on laws, newspapers, newstands and bill-posters, and the other on schools and providing suitable literature. An appeal in regard to a higher tone in newspapers was prepared and read in the National Editors' Association, held in Philadelphia, Sixth month 10th, 1895. One thousand copies of an appeal for pure literature were sent to the editors of papers within the limits of Philadelphia Yearly

Meeting. Replies were received from nine, and several others published the appeal in their columns. In some localities individual visits have been made to the editors. In Bucks Quarter three profitable conferences have been held, viz: Buckingham, Doylestown and Langhorne; and in Salem Quarter one address was given, followed by an interesting discussion. The Committee of Wilmington Monthly Meeting sent an appeal to all the editors in Delaware, asking them to avoid the publishing of elaborate accounts of crime and immoralities. The appeal met with many favorable responses. Several schools have been visited and the committee found that considerable attention was paid by the teachers to the reading matter of the pupils; and in some neighborhoods good literature was distributed to those unable to get it. Many of the schools have good libraries.

The Committee on Peace and Arbitration report there has, since last Yearly Meeting, been many occurrences to bring into public consideration the question of the best manner of settling difficulties and differences, both national and domestic, and the friends of peace through arbitration both in and out of the bounds of our Society have been actively concerned to aid in the peaceable settlement of differences in our country, and discouraging and allaying a spirit of contention towards other nations. Friends through their religious and social organizations have used influences by memorials to our legislative bodies, by essays in the public press and our own journals, in social and society meetings, to endeavor to advocate peace on earth and good will to all men; to discourage the spirit of war and militarism evinced by persistent efforts to introduce military training into our public schools, and boys' brigades into church organizations; and the constant pressure on our general Government to increase appropria-

tions for augmenting the army and navy, and erecting costly and useless fortifications. The Universal Peace Union, which includes very many of our members, have been most faithful and untiring in this good work. They have very materially aided in adjusting the dispute between the street railway companies and employes in Philadelphia. The meetings held in Philadelphia on the 22d of Second month, to promote arbitration between this country and Great Britain, were very successful and inspiring, and seemed to reveal such a state of public feeling and approval of the object as to justify the belief that our Government and Great Britain may unite to establish the proposed commission.

Since our last yearly meeting we have to report the deaths of S. Ella Bonsall and Samuel B. Carr, and we feel it right to bear our testimony to their faithful and conscientious labor for the cause of humanity.

We would suggest to the Yearly Meeting the propriety of adding to the labors of the committee the subject of mission work among women and children, and also that of purity.

On behalf and by direction of the committee,

JAMES H. ATKINSON,
ELEANOR K. RICHARDS, } *Clerks.*

Phila., Fourth month 25th, 1896.

Report of Committee on Distant and Isolated Members.

To the Yearly Meeting:

The Committee on Distant and Isolated Members has held two meetings since last report. A pamphlet has been compiled in accordance with the instructions of the Yearly Meeting, containing the names and addresses of the isolated members of all the Yearly Meetings, as far as they could be obtained. The cost of this work was as follows:

Printing 2000 pamphlets	$150.00
Clerical labor	18.90
Postage, stationery, etc.,	3.98
	$172.88

Bills to the above amount have been approved and presented to the Treasurer.

The Committee are of the opinion that the distribution of these pamphlets could be done most judiciously by those who have already labored in this work, and they are willing to be continued for this service if the Yearly Meeting so directs.

Elizabeth Lloyd, Clerk.

Names of the Committee to Consider whether any, and, if so, what Changes are Desirable in the Trustees by Whom the Funds of the Yearly Meeting are Held.

William W. Birdsall,
Charles E. Thomas,
Charles F. Jenkins,
Joseph R. Walker,
Howard M. Jenkins,
Alvin Haines,
Jesse James,
Chalkley Styer,
Isaac Eyre,
David Satterthwaite,
T. Ogborn Atkinson,
David Simpson,
William P. Marshall,
Rolph M. Harvey,
Clement M. Biddle,
William P. Bancroft,
Francis Brinton,
Thomas Baker,
James Jackson,
Edward S. Marshall,
Ellwood Michener,
Pennock Spencer,
John C. Yeatman,
Robert B. Dixon,

Annie Shoemaker,
Anna Janney Lippincott,
Anna F. Levick,
Hannah H. Woodnutt,
Annie M. Wood,
Mary E. Thomson,
Martha Mather,
Mary R. Livezey,
M. Ellen Longshore,
Florence K. Blackfan,
Elizabeth Satterthwaite,
Anna C. Betts,
Elizabeth Spencer Bunting,
Mary B. Pyle,
Louisa Darlington,
Emma C. Bancroft,
Edith K. Bushong,
Mary A. Moore,
Lydia T. Brinton,
Mary Webster,
Sarah F. Darlington,
Mary J. Wickersham,
Mary J. Brosius,
Annie M. Lawrence,

Daniel C. Cowgill,
John W. Barber,
Henry R. Fell,
Restore B. Lamb,
Charles H. Engle,
Howard M. Cooper,
George L. Gillingham,
Ellwood Rulon,
William Dunn Rogers,
Job S. Haines,
William T. Hilliard,
Charles E. Lippincott,
Jonathan J. Bradway,
Aaron Kester,
Ellis Eves,
James B. Eves.

S. Amanda Dixon,
Helen C. Shreeve,
H. Anna Powell,
Lizzie M. Tylor,
Charlottte A. Newbold,
Margaret W. Leeds,
Lucy R. Thornton,
Sarah T. Decou,
Lydia A. Warrington,
Susan W. Lippincott,
Emily H. Atkinson,
Martha H. Hollingshead,
Rebecca T. Wister,
Mary E. Borton,
Ellen B. Haines,
Eliza G. Hilliard,
Sarah J. Kester,
Mary Emma Walter,
Mary J. Eves.
Sarah J. Kester.

Seventh Annual Report of the Trustees of Bequest of John M. George, Deceased.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Fifth month 11th, 1895. Balance of securities and cash in our hands reported to the Yearly Meeting of 1895, and approved by Auditing Committee			$456,826.86
Fifth month 9th, 1896. Interest on deposits allowed by Girard Life Insurance, Annuity, and Trust Company	$ 7.22		
Land Title and Trust Company	190.73		
Interest on mortgages from Fifth month 11th, 1895, to date	22,409.31		
Total receipts of income for the year		$22,607.26	
We have expended on account of the year's income the following sums:			
Clerk's salary	$300.00		
Rent of safe deposit box	5.00		
Incidentals	28.85	$333.85	$22,273.41
			$479,100.27
We have paid out on drafts of the general committee the following sums:			
Sixth month 18th, 1895, on account of income		$2,500	
Eighth month 5th, 1895, on account of income		2,500	

Ninth month 9th, 1895, on account of principal	5,000	
Ninth month 24th, 1895, on account of principal	5,000	
Eleventh month 11th, 1895, on account of principal	5,000	
Twelfth month 14th, on account of income	5,000	
First month 6th, 1896, on account of principal	4,000	
Third month 11th, 1896, on account of income	5,000	
		34,000.00
Balance of securities and cash in our hands		$445,100.27

The above balance consists of		
Bonds and Mortgages	$414,350.00	
Cash	30,750.27	
		$445,100.27
And is composed of		
Principal	$407,342.22	
Income	37,758.05	
		$445,100.27

On Fourth month 22d, 1896, the mortgage for $12,000 secured upon land conveyed to the Trustees and referred to in our reports since 1892, was paid off out of money donated for the purpose by friends of the School.

Since Fifth month 11th, 1895, mortgages to the total amount of $35,150 have been paid off, and the sum of $4,050 has been invested by the Trustees.

All interest due up to Fifth month 9th, 1896, has been paid except $636.25.

ALFRED MOORE,
FRANKLIN W. HALLOWELL,
JOSEPH T. BUNTING,
EDWARD ATKINSON.
THOMAS BAKER,
BENNETT S. WALTON,
DAVID MASTERS,

Trustees.

Philadelphia, Fifth month 9th, 1896.

The seventh annual report of the Trustees of the Bequest of John M. George, deceased, which is hereto appended, together with the securities and cash, have been examined by the undersigned sub-committee, and found correct.

Signed this fourteenth day of Fifth month, 1896.

S. ROBINSON COALE,
ELLIS EVES,
ANNIE COOPER LIPPINCOTT,
PHILENA M. TEMPLE.

The First Annual Report of the Trustees of the Samuel Jeanes Fund.

To the Yearly Meeting:

Pursuant to the direction of the Yearly Meeting, Edmund Webster, Treasurer, paid over to us on Fifth month 29th, 1895, the principal of this fund, amounting to two hundred thousand dollars, together with the interest, which had accrued thereon while the same was on deposit to his credit.

In pursuance of our appointment we proceeded to invest the principal in real estate securities as proper applications were presented. We were occupied in this labor for a period of about nine months. We now report the work accomplished, and that the whole fund has been invested in fifty-one mortgages of real estate, located in the counties of Philadelphia, Delaware, Montgomery, Lebanon, and Dauphin, in the State of Pennsylvania.

Interest has matured on all of the mortgages except eight, and all of the interest which has become due up to the date of this report has been paid in full.

We submit the following account:

Fifth month 29th, 1895—Received from Edmund Webster, Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting . .	$200,000.00
Sixth month 3d, 1895—Interest on fund while deposited in Fidelity Insurance, Trust, and Safe Deposit Company, to the credit of Edmund Webster, Treasurer	142.47

Fifth month 9th, 1896—Interest on deposit account of Trustees with the Fidelity Insurance, Trust, and Safe Deposit Company		1,541.94
Interest on mortgages to date		3,601.24
Total receipts		$205,285.65
We have invested the principal in bonds and mortgages to the amount of		200,000.00
Leaving the total receipts of income to date . .		$5,285.65
We have paid out, on account of income, the following sums:		
Drafts of Committee on Education and Schools, under authority of the Yearly Meeting, as follows:		
Twelfth month 27th, 1895	$1,000	
First month 22d, 1896	1,000	
	$2,000	
Clerk's salary	300	
Incidentals	22	
		2,322 00
Balance of cash in our hands		2,963.65
Bonds and mortgages		200,000.00
		$202,963.65

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THOMAS BAKER,
BENNETT S. WALTON,
DAVID MASTERS,
Trustees.

Philadelphia, Fifth month 9th, 1896.

The first annual report of the Trustees of the Samuel Jeanes Fund, which is hereto appended, together with the securities and cash, have been examined by the undersigned sub-committee, and found correct.

Signed this fourteenth day of Fifth month, 1896.

S. Robinson Coale,
Ellis Eves,
Annie Cooper Lippincott,
Philena M. Temple.

Extracts from the Minutes of the Representative Committee, and List of Books on Hand.

The Committee having charge of the fire-proof and book-case report that the following books are contained therein :

Life of Wm. Penn.
Life of John Richardson..
Barclay's Apology.
Barclay's Catechism.
John Woolman's Journal.
Peace Principles Exemplified. S. M. Janney.
Summary of Christian Doctrines. S. M. Janney.
Conversations on Religious Subjects. S. M. Janney.
Holy Life. Hugh Turford.
Dymond on War.
Dr. Joseph Parrish's Letter.
Letter of Wm. Penn to his Wife and Children.
Short Account of Peter Gardiner.
Advice of William Penn to his Children.
Rules of Discipline.
Rise and Progress. W. Penn.
Testimonies of Truth. Jane Johnson.
Memoirs of Samuel M. Janney.
Vital Religion. S. M. Janney.
No Cross, No Crown. Wm. Penn.
Church Discipline. Job Scott.
Dell on Baptism.
Views of George Fox, concerning Christian Discipline.
Views of George Fox, concerning Christian Testimonies.
Views of George Fox, concerning Christian Ministry and Divine Worship.

Epistle of Tender Caution. Job Scott.

Life of George Fox. S. M. Janney.

Journal of Sarah Hunt.

Doctrine and Discipline of the Society of Friends, by William Gibbons, M. D.

Testimony and Views of Friends concerning the Scriptures.

Retrospect of Early Quakerism.

Salvation by Christ. Job Scott.

Familiar Dialogues. S. M. Janney.

Essay on Music.

Blank Marriage Certificates.

During the past year there have been distributed several hundred copies of books and pamphlets.

The Representative Committee, or Meeting for Sufferings, states, for the information of Friends, that the books and pamphlets in the "fire-proof and book-case" belonging to the Yearly Meeting are for distribution among those who desire to become acquainted with our religious principles and testimonies.

Members of the Representative Committee have access to the "fire-proof" by application to Benjamin Walton, on the premises.

It is expected that Friends who have a concern to distribute books and pamphlets contained therein will apply to any member of the committee appointed by his or her Quarterly Meeting.

A book is provided for the purpose of recording books taken out, and the name of the Friend granting the order, *and it is desired that such entry shall not be omitted.*

Extracted from the Minutes of the meeting of the Representative Committee, or Meeting for Sufferings, held Fifth month 11th, 1896.

ALFRED MOORE, *Clerk for the Day.*

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE COMMITTEE ON GEORGE SCHOOL.

S. Robinson Coale	518 Walnut Street, Phila.
Edmund Webster	1156 South Broad Street, Phila.
Rebecca Buckman Comly	1529 Centennial Avenue, Phila.
Mary P. Thomas	King of Prussia, Pa.
Howard M. Jenkins	Gwynedd, "
Isaac Michener	Bethayres, "
Elizabeth W. Ely	Bethayres, "
Amos Satterthwaite	Langhorne, "
Hugh B. Eastburn	Doylestown, "
Sarah E. Atkinson	Penn's Park, "
Mary H. Atkinson	Doylestown, "
Clement M. Biddle	Lansdowne, "
Alfred D. Sharples . . .	West Chester, "
Emma C. Bancroft	Wilmington, Del.
Mary P. Harvey	Brandywine Summit, Pa.
Joseph C. Paxson	Black Horse, "
Benjamin H. Pownall . . .	Christiana, "
Sarah L. Walter	Christiana, "
Edith K. Bushong	May, Lancaster Co., "
Robert L. Pyle	London Grove, "
Samuel H. Broomell . . .	Russellville, "
Deborah F. Stubbs	London Grove, "
Anna M. Lawrence	Avondale, "
Wilson M. Tylor	Easton, Md.
Rebecca C. Hayes	Dover, Del.
Peter E. Harvey	Columbus, N. J.

Henry R. Fell . . . . . Trenton, N. J.
Jane D. Satterthwaite . . . Crosswicks, "
Emmor Roberts . . . . . Fellowship, "
Howard M. Cooper . . . . 106 Market Street, Camden, N. J.
Susan W. Lippincott . . . Cinnaminson, N. J.
Mary S. Albertson . . . Magnolia, "
William T. Hilliard . . . Salem, "
Mary E. Borton . . . . . Woodstown, "
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Nathaniel Richardson . . . Byberry, Phila.
William P. Bancroft . . . Wilmington, Del.
Isaac Parry . . . . . Bready ville, Pa.
Milton Jackson . . . . . Frankford, Phila., Pa.
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Sarah Ann Conard . . . . West Grove, Pa.
Mary E. Brinton . . . . . Christiana, "
Annie Cooper Lippincott Riverton, N. J.
Emma D. Eyre . . . . . Dolington, Pa.
Lavinia C. Hoopes . . . . West Chester, Pa.
Jane J. Haines . . . . . Moorestown, N. J.
Laura H. Satterthwaite . . 45 W. State St., Trenton, N. J.
Lucy S. Cooper . . . . . 633 Penn St., Camden, "
Priscilla H. Clothier . . . Mount Holly, "

Names and Addresses of the Committee on First-Day Schools.

William W. Birdsall	152½ North 15th St.,	Phila.
Robert M. Janney	1522 Girard Ave.,	"
Samuel C. Lambert	533 North 11th St.,	"
Sarah T. Linvill	1435 Cambridge St.,	"
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George L. Maris	Newtown,	Pa.
Blanche L. Early	444 Marshall St.,	Phila.
Matilda E. Janney	1515 Centennial Ave.,	"
Isaac H. Hillborn	1305 Somerset St.,	"
George D. Miller	313 North 33d St.,	"
J. Leedom Worrall	1424 Bouvier St.,	"
R. Emma Trego	1534 North Broad St.,	"
James Q. Atkinson	Three Tuns,	Pa.
Elmer Carter	Byberry,	Phila.
Howard M. Jenkins	Gwynedd,	Pa.
Chalkley Styer	Narcissa,	"
Jane G. Kinsey	Quakertown,	"
Mary R. Livezey	Norristown,	"
Anna Moore	Prospectville,	"
Anna B. Satterthwaite	Jenkintown,	"
Anna Palmer	Stroudsburg,	"
Elizabeth S. Parry	Johnsville,	"
Samuel Swain	Bristol,	"
Florence K. Blackfan	New Hope,	"
Robert Kenderdine	Newtown,	"
Anna Mather	Langhorne,	"

Joseph P. Eyre . . . . . Dolington, Pa.
Cynthia S. Holcomb . . . Newtown, "
Martha Smith . . . . . Lahaska, "
Mordecai T. Bartram . . . White Horse, "
Ezra Fell . . . . . Wilmington, Del.
Clara B. Miller . . . . . Media, Pa.
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Mary B. Pyle . . . . . Wilmington, Del.
Mary Darlington . . . . . West Chester, Pa.
Sallie E. Hood . . . . . Cloud, Pa.
Emma C. Bancroft . . . . Wilmington, Del.
William D. Yarnall . . . . Yeadon, Pa.
Edward G. Broomell . . . Christiana, "
Sarah L. Walter . . . . . Christiana, "
Mark P. Cooper . . . . . Christiana, "
John G. Pownall . . . . . Christiana, "
Lillie C. Pownall . . . . . Christiana, "
Francis Brinton . . . . . Christiana, "
Ella P. Thomas . . . . . Parkesburg, Pa.
Edith K. Bushong . . . . May, "
Augustus Brosius . . . . . Chatham, "
Ellwood Michener . . . . Toughkenamon, "
Ebenezer Maule . . . . . Rosenvick, "
Anna M. Lawrence . . . . Avondale, "
Sarah Ann Conard . . . . West Grove, "
Mary P. Satterthwaite . . . Kennett Square, "
Chalkley Webster . . . . Collamer "
Wilson M. Tylor . . . . . Easton, Md.
Richard T. Turner, Jr. . . Betterton, "

Julia E. Kelley . . . . . Preston, Md.
Matilda J. Bartlett . . . . Easton, "
H. Anna Powell . . . . . Easton, "
Bessie Jenkins . . . . . Camden, Del.
William Penn Willis . . . Fowling Creek, Md.
Phebe H. Tomlinson . . . Trenton, N. J.
William Walton . . . . . Trenton, "
William C. Parry . . . . . Hainesport, "
Susan W. Troth . . . . . Mount Holly, "
Sallie T. Black . . . . . Bordentown, "
Mary T. Black . . . . . Bordentown, "
Anna S. Engle . . . . . Rancocas, "
Peter E. Harvey . . . . . Columbus, "
Abbie S. Harvey . . . . . Columbus, "
Mary Ellis . . . . . Jobstown, "
Anna Cox . . . . . Juliustown, "
Ezra Lippincott . . . . . Riverton, "
Elwood Hollinshead, Jr. . . Moorestown, "
Martha C. DeCou . . . . . Moorestown, "
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